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### REVIEWS

Patchwork. By Captain Basil Hall. 3 vols.

Captain Basil Hall is too well known to render any detailed remarks on his authorship either necessary or desirable. As for the work before us it is, what its title announces, a collection of mennected pages taken from the diaries of the author's travels by land and by water;—a patch-work of fragments put together without even a

pretence to symmetry or design.

This is a fashionable form of publication, and it is not without its utility at a time when society is in too rapid movement for continuous thought. The old proverb, that he who runs may read, is scarcely now applicable to the life of an Englishman; for we run so much and so fast that scholarship is almost out of the question; and to pick up a word here and there, en passant, is as much as the most industrious can manage. A great deal of the ground gone over by Captain Hall has become (since his Diary was written) familiar to the British traveller,—and who has not travelled? It cannot even be said, that there is much novelty in his views; and there is certainly more scientific observation than will be welcome to that very superficial personage, the general reader. Yet with all this,—such is the influence of a sound, cheerful, and healthy tone of feeling on style and manner,—that we are carried through his driest geology, and are carried through his driest geology, and his most elaborate speculations in all sorts of natural ecience, by the buoyancy and freshness of his writing, with more elasticity than by the lightest of the light fictitious narratives, which are written expressly to amuse. The truth is, and every day renders it evilate that the feet is infinitely work wards and dent, that fact is infinitely more varied and exciting than fiction; and we accompany our traveller, even through macadamized Switzerland, with its wonders as threadbare as those of the Palais Royal, with a pleased alacrity, as if we had never peeped at a glacier or trembled before the face of an avalanche. The first volume is dedicated almost exclusively to Swiss scenery and the natural philosophy of its singular phenomena. The second and third volumes are of a more miscellaneous character, and treat of Paris, of the south of Italy, and of Sicily.

In our extracts, we shall endeavour to select what is most amusing, and, at the same time, most illustrative of the author's peculiarities of

thought and expression.

The work may be said to open with a descripbranee, and of the deplorable catastrophe which thereupon ensued. The particulars have been a hundred times recorded, but never more truly or

pleasantly :-

"I shall never forget the scene of desolation caused by the great debacle at Martigny. More than two-and-twenty years have elapsed since I looked over the melancholy waste—and though I have become tolerably familiar with the operation of sens and floods in other regions in the interval, I must own that it was only in an Alpine valley that I ever witnemed the full power of moving water, and thence learned duly to respect it as an agent in the geological history of the earth's surface. \* The Val de Bagnes is a steep, narrow, rugged, valley, or more properly rocky glen, running for about thirty or forty miles in a direction nearly east and west among those mountains lying on the south side of the Valais, and forming a part of the great Alpine ridge which dides Switzerland from Piedmont. This ridge is elevated to that height which secures for it a coating of eternal snow, and consequently it sends down on all sides, wherever the slope and form of the ground are suitable, those well-known huge frozen masses desolation over called glaciers. • • Near a place called St. Branchier thus goes on :—

Val de Bagnes takes a rectangular turn, and the Val de Bagnes takes a rectangular turn, and after passing in its new course for two or three miles amongst the hills, opens into the great valley of the Rhone at Martigny. The river Dranse, which has its origin in the two glaciers of Chermontane and Mont Durand, lying at the very top of the glen, flows along the Val de Bagnes till at Martigny it meets the Rhone, of which it is one of the principal feeders. The banks of this river, or, to speak more properly, of this mountain torrent, are at most places precipitous. But the ground, occasionally becoming less steen, admits of the formation of soil, and this even if it be too steep for the purposes of agriculture is richly clad with the larch, a tree which loves to root itself in such commanding positions. \* Thus, wherever it is possible for the foot of a man to plant itself, little villages start up, enriched by gardens, and decked by the church steeple, which never fails to meet the eye in a Swiss community, however small, or however poor, or, I may add, however exposed it may occasionally be to the ravages of such a debacle \* For several years previous to the time I am speaking of (1818), the Dranse had been occasionally, but not seriously, obstructed by blocks of ice and avalanches of snow from the slowly-advancing glacier. These, in process of time, became so frequent and so extensive, that they began to resist the melting power of the summer; and eventually the glacier itself, having joined company with the enormous pile of fragments it had sent before it, pushed itself directly across the narrow valley, so as to rest its snout or base on the foot of the opposite mountain, called Mauvoisin, on the left bank of the Dranse, while its upper part lay several hundred feet above the bed of the stream, on the other side. \* \* This was the state of affairs in April, 1818, and there would have been no harm in it had the barrier been of rocky mateno narm in it had the barrier been of foces inde-rials, as frequently happens in the Alpine valleys.

• As it was, the danger became greater and greater every moment; and the experienced Swiss, now fully awakened to their danger, saw that unless they adopted some very prompt and energetic measures, the weight of the accumulated waters would, ere long, become too great for the strength of the dam of ice, and the whole reservoir would be dashed at once down the ravine, to the destruction of all the villages, fields, bridges, and mills. \* \* An able engineer, of the name of Venetz, who lived in the Valais, not far from Martigny, at once perceived that although the evil might not, perhaps, be entirely averted, it might be essentially lessened. He saw clearly that it was impossible to diminish the present magnitude of the lake formed by the glacier of Getroz, but he thought it might be prevented from rising above a certain level, if a gallery, or tunnel, could be cut through the barrier of ice at such a height above the level of the lake as would enable the work to be finished before the water should rise to that point. This required not only a very nice calculation, but a degree of vigour and activity in the execution which it might be difficult to match in any other country. The drift or gallery which M. Venetz proposed to bore through the glacier, for the purpose of acting as a waste weir to the lake, was made to slope downwards, in such a way that when the water rose to its upper end it should flow so rapidly through that it might act like a saw, and by cutting down the ice of the glacier, permit the lake gradually to descend, till it was nearly emptied, and the mass of water be prevented from becoming an overmatch for the retaining wall of ice and snow, as it was certain to prove, ooner or later, if things were left alone.'

This bold manœuvre so far succeeded, that, in the course of a few days, the depth of the lake was depressed forty-five feet; but, after the force of the water had eroded the whole of the ice, it attacked the soft and friable materials on which the barrier rested, making a passage for itself between the glacier and the rocky bed of the mountain. When the water rushed out through this outlet, the ice gave way with a tremendous crash, and the entire mass from above was precipitated into the valley beneath, carrying with it man and his works, and spreading ruin and desolation over the whole tract. The narrative

"I arrived at Martigny on the 5th of August, just even weeks after the catastrophe above describ Many of the houses had been swept away, and all the remaining habitations gave token of having been invaded by the flood, which, even at the lower extremity of the town, where the valley is widest, had risen to the height of ten feet, as we could remark by the traces left on the walls. Higher up the torrent had been much deeper; and the inhabitants pointed out to us the manner in which a considerable district of houses had been saved from destruction by the intervention of the village church, a compact stone building placed—perhaps not accidentally—with one of its corners directed towards the adjacent gorge, out of which the overcharged torrent of the Dranse burst with such violence on the 16th of June. Had the side or end of the church faced the stream, it is supside of end of the church faced the stream, it is sup-posed that not only it must have given way, but, in its train, all that quarter of the village would have been overwhelmed. The strong nature of the angle of the church, however, seems to have divided the waters; and as the valley at this point begins to spread itself out, the stream readily obeyed the new direction given to it, and flowed to the right and left. With some difficulty we made our way into the church, which was nearly half full of sand, mud, and stones, brought there by the flood. The pulpit just peeped above the mass of rubbish, but the altar was no longer visible, being quite buried under the mud. This very substantial building, indeed, had acted its part so firmly in the hour of need, that the old man who acted as our guide patted the wall familiarly with his hand, saying, 'The church was, and is, after all, our chief reliance in the hour of danger!' somesentiment. All the hedges, garden-walls, and other boundary lines and land-marks of every description, were of course obliterated, under one uniform mass of detritus which had levelled all distinctions in a truly sweeping and democratic confusion. In every house, without exception, there lay a stratum of alluvial matter several feet in thickness, so depo-sited that passages were obliged to be cut through it, along the streets, as we see roads cut in the snow after a storm. On that side of every building which faced up the valley, and consequently against which the stream was directed, there had been collected a pile of large stones under all, then a layer of trees, with their tattered branches lying one way, and their roots the other. Next came a net-work of timber-beams of houses, broken doors, fragments of mill-wheels, shafts of carts, handles of ploughs, and all the wreck and ruin of the numerous villages which the debacle had first torn to pieces, and then swept down the valley in one undistinguishable mass. The lower part of the bark had been completely stripped off all the trees still standing, each one being charged on the side next the torrent with a singular accumulation of rubbish, consisting chiefly of uprooted trees, and those wooden portions of the buildings which were bolted together. I ought to mention, also, that from every house, and behind every tree, circumstanced as I have described, bening every tree, circumstanced as I have described, there extended down the valley a long tail or train of diluvial rubbish, deposited in the swirl, or, as a sailor would say, in the eddy, under the lee of these obstacles. All over the plain, large boulders or erratic blocks lay thickly strewed. • • No one, till he sees it, can form any just conception what the power of moving water is, especially when confined between two precipitous banks, accumulated to the height of fifty or sixty feet, and flowing along a bed of such steepness, that even in ordinary states of supply the stream acquires the character of a foaming torrent. I well remember, even at the distance of twenty-two years, the awe and wonder with which I looked at one of the masses of rock pointed out to me, which the stream in question had evidently projected fairly out of the gorge into the plain. It measured twenty-seven paces round, twelve feet in height, and twelve across in one direction, which I fixed upon as about the average. It was of a rude pyramidical shape. Further up the glen, I came to many rocks, which, though much larger than the one I mentioned, bore indubitable marks of having been in motion. Leaving, now, the field of mere narration of facts, I can find no adequate terms in which to describe the sort of hopeless feeling which filled our minds, as we viewed the total, and, as it seemed, irremediable

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nature of the misfortune which had befallen the inhabitants of Martigny. We said to ourselves, that no time could ever restore their town to prosperity, or re-clothe their fields with verdure. Yet, only fifteen years afterwards, when I again visited this scene of utter, and, as it seemed, hopeless desolation, I could scarcely, by any effort of the imagination, recall the spot to my mind, or be persuaded that it really was the same ground I had seen laid waste. I knew very well, because I found it so set down in memorandums made on the spot, that a huge debacle, or mountain torrent, had burst over the hapless village, sweptaway all its herds and flocks, utterly destroyed its gardens and fields, drowned not a few of the inhabitants, and caused infinite distress; and I well remem-bered thinking it almost impossible that any length of time could effectually remove the traces of this gigantic misfortune. In spite of this prophecy, the only circumstance which I could now discover to mark the event of which I supposed the visible effects were to exist for ages, consisted in a black line painted on the wall of one of the hotels, at the height of ten feet from the ground, to point out to travellers that such was the limit to which the inundation had reached! The fields were all again matted thickly with verdure: the hedges and dividing walls appeared never to have been disturbed; flower-gardens and kitchen-gardens and grass-plots smiled on every side of the happy valley; apple-trees laden with fruit, and rows of tall poplars, marked out many lines of new and better roads than before, leading from new bridges which formerly had no existence! . So many young trees had been planted, and so many new houses built, and such had been the regeneration of the cornfields, vineyards, and orchards, that it required the retrospective, theoretical, optics of a geologist to discover any symptoms of diluvian action at all. Indeed, I much question whether even a practised geologist, unless put upon his guard and his curiosity roused, would now be able to infer, from the existing appearances, that such a catastrophe had occurred; and we certainly might defy him to affix a date thereto. \* When we consider how effectually the lapse of a very few years has thus destroyed all the palpable evidences of a phenomenon, which, though on a small scale, was of a most decided character,we ought to recollect under what disadvantages a geologist must often come to the investigation of those still more extensive and infinitely more varied revolutions in the earth's surface which form the ordinary topics of inquiry in this interesting branch of philosophical inquiry.

A scene less in the gangway of ordinary tra-vellers is the Pass of the Gemmi, which merits an extract :-

"Next morning at half-past five we commenced our preparations for ascending the pass of the Gemmi, unquestionably one of the most curious artificial roads in Switzerland. \* \* The fine weather, which had favoured us so much during our tour of Mont Blanc, seemed so completely gone that the people of the hotel endeavoured to dissuade us from attempting the Gemmi pass in such weather. But we were resolved to proceed, and away we went. Unfortunately for me, I could not walk a single step, having hurt my foot when scrambling the day before along the scene of the great debacle, extending from St. Branchier to Martigny. In this dilemma, the landlord declared that I might ride up the pass, and be carried down again in a chair on men's shoulders. I agreed to anything rather than miss the sight, and after a hearty breakfast proceeded. We soon reached the base of the mountain, but though the clouds cleared away from time to time, we could see nothing in the least degree like a pass or road of any kind. No valley or ravine appeared to afford an opening through the mountain, the face of which, on approaching still nearer, we discovered to be not merely steep but actually perpendicular, and in some places even overhanging, in cliffs of six and seven hundred feet high! At the foot of this sheer precipice there lay, as usual, in such places, a sloping talus, as it is called, of fragments of the rock detached from the upper strata. We had to make our way up this bank along a road much steeper than anything we had yet encountered. But this was nothing at all to what we came to on reaching the abrupt face of the

cliff, where, to our great surprise, we found the road even now scarcely visible-actually cut into the perpendicular wall of the mountain, and leading by a series of zig-zags up to the very top. As these open galleries are excavated in the living rock only to the depth of five or six feet,—and as in many places no parapet has been left on the outer side, while the plane of the road, instead of sloping inwards, rather inclines outwards-it is not in the imagination to conceive anything more terrific. Even to a person on foot, it must require him to possess no small steadiness to retain his composure; but if mounted, he must have a head well practised in going aloft not to feel very uneasy. I found my early nautical habits barely sufficient to keep me from becoming giddy, as the mule-the perversest brute in Switzerland-insisted upon pacing along the outer edge of the precipice, instead of hugging the inner wall, as I wished it to do. In actual fear of my neck, I got off several times; but my foot had been so badly chafed in the Val de Bagnes, I could not get along, and was obliged to remount and take my chance, my only consolation being to recall as many stories as I could muster of the proverbial sure-footedness of the Swiss mules. We had ascended but a little way before we entered the clouds, which hung low on the mountains. But this obscurity—for we lost sight of the abyss below and the cliffs above—added considerably to the feeling of danger, to say nothing of the discomfort of a drizzling rain. By-and-by the rain became sleet, and before we reached the top it turned to snow. As the thermometer stood only a few degrees below the freezing point, the cold might have been tolerable had it been calm, but it blew so fiercely, that the chill pierced us to the very bone. This, no doubt, was partly owing to the actual severity of the weather, but partly to the contrast between the temperature we now experienced, and that in which we had been basking for the preceding fortnight. At the top of the mountain, all Nature lay before us, bare and bleak. The cold, black, dripping, unpicturesque rocks, showed themselves every now and then as the clouds flew past. Here and there the ground was dusted with the cutting snow, blown in our faces as we passed on to the gloomy lake of Daube, the waters of which—not less black than ink\_lashed themselves into a dirty foam against the base of some dreary cliffs, of which the tops were covered with glaciers. It must certainly have been to some such hopeless spot as this, on the top of the Caucasus, that the magician in the Arabian Nights carried his victims; and right glad we were when our despotic guide, for once fairly beaten back, made the signal to put about. But if going up the Gemmi on the back of a mule be a nervous affair, the operation of coming down is so much worse, that to the last day of my life I shall remember the awkwardness of such a predicament. As I could not have walked ten paces to save my life, I was obliged to risk my neck by allowing myself to be perched in an arm-chair, and hoisted on the shoulders not of four but of two men, in a manner contrary to all the laws of stable equilibrium, for the soles of my feet came on a level with their necks. Nevertheless, though loaded with this ill-arranged top-weight, the fellows trudged down the path at a quick, careless, swinging sort of pace, keeping time to the 'Ranz des Vaches,' which one or other of the bearers sung all the way from the top to the bottom of the pass. • • The light-hearted peasants, singing and laughing as they trudged along, swung me round over their heads, as we turned the horrid corners, in such a manner as to show me the fearful abyss below, into which the least slip, or one false step, or the giving way of the slightest particle of the edge of the road, would have tumbled us all headlong! I had no time to study the picturesque of the prospect which gradually reopened upon us, in proportion as we left the dense clouds of the upper districts of this singular pass: indeed I could think of nothing but a most unfortunately ominous expression used by the landlord the evening before, when he and I were discussing together the various modes of making the excursion. As I could not walk, and still less relished the notion of being carried on men's shoulders, I had asked if I could not ride down as well as up the pass, for that nothing, it was said, could be more uncomfortable than being elevated to such an unsteady position in such a place. 'Il faut avouer,

monsieur,' said he, 'que cette manière de von n'est pas agréablemais on y risque moins! 'risque moins' rung in my ears: and as the implied insecurity of the expression stared me in the face at the terrible turnings of the road, I tried the experiment of shutting my eyes; but almo before I was aware of it, this made me so giddy and sea-sick, that I had nearly lost the equilibrium which my bearers were very urgent in requiring me h maintain, for my own safety as well as theirs, and was obliged during the rest of the descent to face the peril as well as I might."-

Although the author is manifestly addicted to the peculiar tenets of 'the serious' in religion, hi seaman-like turn of mind preserves him from much of the cant incidental to that class of religionists; and even his political prejudice do not often mislead him into wrong judgmen The same influential good sense, the child of go feeling, breaks out in many wholesome direct tions spread up and down the volumes, by which future travellers will do well to profit : thus, w recommend to all whom it may concern, the opinions of a brave officer upon unnecession demonstrations of courage, where the end doe not justify the means :-

"I never allowed a sword or pistol, or any other kind of weapon, to be carried in my carriage. Even when I was not commander-in-chief of the party, or my first visit to Italy, I had influence enough persuade my companions that it was by far the wises plan to travel totally unarmed. In the first place if a gentleman have arms in his hands, he feels called upon to use them if attacked, and whatever be the odds against him, he must fight it out as he best can In war, the stake of honour is such a high one, that life or limb must count for nothing in the gar But in pleasure travelling, when the only consider tion is that of a watch, or of a few ducats, it do seem immeasurable folly to incur not merely the risk, but almost the certainty of being wounded, inot killed, as poor Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were a Pæstum, for making fight rather than give up the purses! The brigands of Italy, Spain, and other countries in which leaders and the countries of the purses. countries in which such lawless deeds are made matter of business, can always ascertain, beforehan at the inns where the travellers stop, what are the numbers and force of the party, and what the description of their weapons. With such exact information, they would be greater fools than we kan them to be, if they failed to take local advantaged the strangers, and to attack them at such times an in such manner as to ensure them the victory. best, what are we to gain in such a struggle? certainly very disagreeable to be robbed; but would it be a pleasant item in our diary to record that w had shot a Calabrian peasant? or even that we la wounded half-a-dozen of them in the scuffle? the other hand, even if we escaped the terrible in of the travellers above alluded to, the fact of on having beaten off the robbers and saved our tens twenty scudi, and an old turnip of a watch, wou scarcely make up for a shot through the arm, a may hap through our nose, to say nothing of the an and noses of the ladies of our party!"

When at Pisa, Captain Hall examined in that vexata quæstio, the origin of the divergent of the Leaning Tower from its perpendicular:

"I established, completely to my own satisfaction that it had been built from top to bottom, original just as it now stands. My reasons for thinking a are, that the line of the tower, on that side town which it leans, has not the same curvature as the line on the opposite, or what may be called the up side. If the tower had been built upright, and the been made to incline over, I conceive that the in of the wall on that side towards which the inclination was given, would be, more or less, concave in the direction, owing to the nodding, or swagging over the top, by the simple action of gravity acting on very tall mass of masonry, which is more or lesselastic, when placed in a sloping position. But the contrary is the fact, for the line of wall on the sid towards which the tower leans, is decidedly more convex than the opposite side. I have, therefore, doubt whatever that the architect in raising his sub cessive courses of stones gained, or stole a little,

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We shall here take leave of Captain Hall, at least for the present; but, in conclusion, must again observe on the great extent to which an author's individuality influences the theme of which he treats. We have in the subjects discussed in these volumes little that is new or rare; little, perhaps, that has not been as well handled by others; yet, in seeing them through the eyes of the Captain, and tinged with the colours of his peculiar intellectual constitution, we are beguiled of the weariness of repetition, and derive instruction as well as amusement from the rencontre of old friends with new faces. Viewed also in relation to contemporary literature, the volumes derive an additional claim to attention, from their favourable contrast. They touch on realities, not on vapid and sickly imaginations. They have a purpose, and therefore an interest of their own; and the ideas are, moreover, the ideas of an intelligent and wellstored mind; a mind that never offends by vulgarity, moral obliquity, or, what is still more common and more provokingly offensive, moral inapprehensiveness. It is always pleasant and profitable to travel either through the world or through a book with a gentleman.

The Chronicles of the Monastery of St. Edmund. By Jocelyn de Brakelond—[Chronica Jocelini de Brakelonda, &c.] Edited by J. G. Roke-wood, Esq. Published by the Camden Society. Jocelyn de Brakelond was a native of St. Edmundsbury. He entered the monastery at an early age, and assumed the cowl in the year 1173. Thenceforward, his convent was his world; and the minutest events within its narrow circle were of more importance in his eyes than the fate of kingdoms. Though he lived in the exciting reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and John, he takes no notice of any public affairs, save those in which the Abbot of St. Edmund's had a share. His chronicle, therefore, has little historical importance; but it is full of interest, from the variety of its details respecting monastic manners and polity. There is a simplicity, and sometimes a quiet humour, in Jocelyn's delineations of character, an air of candour in his narrative, and an earnestness in his sentiments, which carry the reader onward, in spite of a httle rugged Latinity. As the circulation of the work must necessarily be limited, we shall extract some illustrations of monastic manners in the twelfth century, which we deem likely to amuse and interest the general reader.

On the death of an abbot—such, at least, was the case when the Abbot Hugh died, in consequence of a fall from his horse—his property was unscrupulously plundered by his attendants:—

Before he was quite dead, everything was plundered by his servants, so that nothing remained in the abbot's houses but the stools and tables which were too heavy to be carried away. There only remained to the abbot a coverlet and a couple of blankets, old and torn, which some one had substituted for the new articles he had stolen. There was not a penny's worth left to be distributed to the poor to purchase prayers for his soul. The sacristan declared that he could not supply the deficiency, for he had been forced to support the abbot and his family during an entire month, because the farmers would not pay their rent before the regular time, and he money-lenders would not advance loans on so had a life.

The election of a new abbot divided the convent into numberless parties; and one of the chief points of dispute was, whether learning should be an indispensable requisite. The reasoning of those who opposed such a qualification is curious:—

Abbot Harding was an illiterate man, yet he was an excellent abbot, and managed his convent very discreetly. We read also in story, that it was better for the frogs to have King Log for their ruler, in whose quietude they could trust, than King Serpent, who maliciously hissed at his subjects, and devoured them after the hiss.

This ingenious accommodation of Æsop's Fables to the Scriptural account of the Fall, no doubt produced a great effect; and Jocelyn himself declares that it would have been perilous to select an over-righteous or over-wise head of the convent. Samson, the master of the novices, was finally chosen, and the greater part of the Chronicle is filled with the details of his administration. The choice was not a bad one. It is recorded that—

He could read the Scriptures in English very beautifully; and that he used to preach to the people in English, using, however, the Norfolk dialect, for he was born and bred in that county, for which purpose he caused a pulpit to be erected in the church.

Norfolk seems to have been in bad odour with the monks, for those opposed to the abbot nicknamed him "The Norfolk Pautener and Barrator"—that is, "coxcomb and pettifogger;" and those who opposed his election used openly to exclaim, "From the barrators of Norfolk, good Lord deliver us!"

Though Samson was a warrior, and joined the nobles in the siege of Windsor, when Earl John attempted to seize the crown during Richard's absence, he was greatly annoyed by the liberty of tourneying, conceded by the King after his return from exile. A plot of ground between Thetford and St. Edmundsbury was a favourite spot for erecting lists; and the young nobles who came to enjoy a passage of arms were troublesome visitors to the monastery. The Abbot invited a party of the duellists to breakfast, on their assurance that they would not quit the town for the purpose of tilting without his permission.

But after breakfast, when the Abbot went to his chamber, for his noon-tide nap, they all got up, and began to carol and sing their profane songs, sending into the town for wine, drinking and howling, depriving the Abbot and the whole convent of sleep, and turning him into ridicule. Thus they spent the day until the evening, in spite of his remonstrances: they then broke open the barriers of the town, and made their escape by violence.

The Abbot excommunicated the whole party; and probably was well compensated for his loss of sleep, as most of them subsequently purchased absolution. He displayed not less spirit in a windmill case, than he had manifested in chivalry:—

Herbert, the dean, built a windmill at Haberdon, which when the Abbot heard he was so enraged that he would neither eat nor sleep. The next day, after mass, he ordered the sacristan to take carpenters thither at once, tumble down the mill and carry off the materials to a place of safety. When the dean heard this he said that he had a right to erect a mill on his free fief, that the service of the wind ought not to be denied to anybody, that he only used it for his own corn, and did not grind the corn of his neighbours lest he should hurt the neighbouring mills. The Abbot in a fierce passion replied, "I thank you as much as if you had cut off both my legs; by God's face I will not eat bread until your mill is tumbled down."

He added other unclerical language, which we need not quote; but the end was, that Herbert stole away and had the mill at once pulled down, in order to rescue the timber from his angry superior.

A more amusing incident occurred with the Bishop of Ely. That prelate wanted timber, and sent to the Abbot, who very reluctantly gave him leave to cut down the wood that would suit him, provided he would specify the place where the trees that suited him were. The Bishop's

servants marked some fine trees at Elmset; but the chaplain, whom the Bishop sent, asked permission to cut at Elmswell, where there was nothing but brushwood. One of the brethren whispered the fact to the Abbot, who readily granted the chaplain's request; he then sent and secured the noble trees of Elmset, before any explanation could arrive, and left the Bishop to make what use he pleased of the bushes of Elmswell.

A story which Jocelyn tells as a miracle may be slightly noticed; a fire took place in that part of the church where the bier of St. Edmund was kept, but though much mischief was done, the relies of the saint escaped without injury:—

The Abbot was from home when this happened, and was very angry on his return. He came to the chapter and said that these and worse visitations might be expected on account of our sins, but especially our murmurs about the quality of our meat and wine. He therefore exhorted us to give up our allowances from the buttery for a year, and apply the price to repairing the front of the shrine with gold; and as an example of generosity he gave his whole treasure as an offering for the repair of the bier, viz. fifteen gold rings, worth, it is believed, sixty marks. We all consented to give up our allowance, but the plan was abandoned on the interference of the sacristan, who said that St. Edmund could mend his coffin without any such assistance.

Some of the curious matters recorded in this chronicle relate to the wardship of heiresses, one of the most oppressive usages of feudalism; they would require, however, more elucidation and comment than so slight a work demands, but we recommend the adventures of Ada de Cokefred to some of our writers of romance; they will find the outlines of a good plot ready made to their hands. Before parting from this work we feel bound to say that it is most creditably edited; the notes are full of antiquarian and genealogical lore; the glossary is comprehensive and accurate, and every possible care has been taken to secure a correct text.

Poor Jack. By Captain Marryat, C.B.; with Illustrations by Clarkson Stanfield, R.A.

Longman. POOR JACK' is more to our taste than the controok Jack' is more to our taste than the con-temporary with which he runs his monthly race, noticed by us last week. The story moves easily—in fact, it is surprising with how small an amount of paternal foresight for his heroes and heroines, Capt. Marryat conducts his novels to a triumphant conclusion. His manner of working resembles the legerdemain of those freehanded artists who, from a few blots of ink, or blotches of paint, contrive to arrange a picture. But the careless ease and diffuseness with which he works, is a reason why 'Poor Jack' completed, is far more agreeable after its kind, than 'Poor Jack' in monthly numbers. To bring in, at regular intervals, such a point or insulated scene, as shall at once satisfy and sharpen the reader's appetite, is a condition fatal to well-balanced construction. Let "Boz" look to this. But why are we turning aside to 'Master Humphrey,' when 'Poor Jack' is waiting, fore-lock in hand—see the R.A.'s capital frontispiece to the C.B.'s novel—for the "copper" of the critic's good word? He shall have it for the sake of the father, who always declared he was launched "a few months before the Druids were turned over to the Melpomene"-he deserves it, too, for the sake of his mother. She is a true "lady's ladies' maid"—sharp, shrewish, economical, and genteel—captivated by the handsome coxswain, with his insinuating sea-flattery

of his manhood. Yet, when she finds that he will be master, and that the shorn pigtail becomes an engine for her chastisement, she not only submits to her fate, with a respectable philosophy, but works hard to push her daughter into a genteel marriage, and herself into a separate Mrs. Montague Saunders-ship, at Cheltenham, where we leave her. Thoroughly true to nature is this character; her pride in her girl and her hatred of her boy inclusive. If we have a fault to find with the latter, it is, that kicked, cuffed, and neglected as he was-abandoned to all the want and wantonness of Fisher's Alley,—he should, so young, take to such good ways:—a very Oliver Twist of Greenwich! To be sure, he has a capital counsellor in Peter Anderson, and most unexpected purveyors of Sunday clothes in old Nanny the miser, sweet tempered Mrs. St. Felix, the tobacconist, and Dr. Tadpole, her lover; but, in spite of all these aids—alas! for the real career of ragged and hungry childhood !-his march to prosperity is too regular, and his gratitude and good priu-ciple, we fear, too steadfast. In these days, however, of Newgate literature, far be it from us to quarrel with Capt. Marryat for "leaning to Virtue's side."

We should like to give our readers a taste of 'Poor Jack;' but the very reason which causes us to prefer the entire novel to the monthly periodical, makes it difficult. There are sundry episodes, it is true: the loss of the Royal George —a salt-water ghost story—and a fight or two with the French, among the number; but they are unmanageably diffuse; and we prefer the following pair of Hospitallers—a Damon and Pythias in the closeness of their companionship, but a perfect Day and Night in their remoteness from concord. Nor will a sea-song be unseasonable, at a time when there is to be a fresh issue of Dibdin published by Mr. Murray, under the patronage of the Lords of the Admiralty.

"Among my father's associates there was a man, of about forty years of age—Dick Harness by name. He had received a wound in the hip, from a grape shot; and his leg having in consequence contracted, it occasioned him to limp very much; but he was as strong and hearty in all other respects as a man could He was a very merry fellow, full of jokes; and if any one told a story, which was at all verging on the marvellous, he was sure to tell another which would be still more incredible. He played the fiddle, and sang to his own accompaniments, which were very droll, as he extracted very strange noises from his instrument; sometimes his bow would be on the wrong side of the bridge, sometimes down at the keys; besides which he produced sounds by thumping the fiddle as well as by touching its strings, as a guitar; indeed, he could imitate, in a certain way, almost every instrument, and most of the noises made by animals. He had one fault, for which he used to be occasionally punished; which was, he was too fond of the bottle : but he was a great favourite, and therefore screened by the men, and as much as possible overlooked by the officers. The punishment for a pensioner getting drunk, was at that time being made to wear a yellow instead of a blue coat, which made a man look very conspicuous. I recollect one day he had the yellow coat on, when a party of ladies and gentlemen came to see the Hospital. Perceiving that he was dressed so differently from the other pensioners, one of the ladies' curiosity was excited; and at last she called him to her and said, 'Pray, my good man, why do you wear a yellow cont, when the other pensioners have blue ones? — Bless your handsome face, Ma'am! replied Dick, 'don't you really know?' - 'No, indeed!' replied she. 'Well then, Ma'am, perhaps you may have heard of the glorious battle of the Nile, in which Nelson gave the French such a drubbing? -- 'O, yes!' cried all the ladies and gentlemen, who had now crowded about him. 'Well, ladies and gentlemen, I had the good fortune to be in that great victory; and all we Nilers, as we are called, are permitted to wear a yellow coat as a mark of distinction, while the common pensioners wear no-

thing but blue.'- 'Dear me !' said the lady, ' and do I really speak to one of those brave fellows who fought at the battle of the Nile? and she put her hand into her pocket, and pulled out five shillings. 'There,' said she, 'I hope you'll not be affronted, but accept this from me.'—'Not at all, Ma'am,' replied Dick, pocketing the money. Then the whole party made a subscription for him, and Dick went off with a handful of silver. There was, however, another man who contributed much to the fun created by Dick Harness. He was an American black, who had served as cook in the Majestic, and had been wounded in the battle of the Nile; he had received a bullet in the knee, which had occasioned a stiff joint; and, as his leg was bent, he wore a short wooden stump. He also could play his fiddle and sing his songs; but in neither case so well as Dick Harness, although he thought otherwise himself. We used to call him Opposition Bill; but his name was Bill White, at least that was the purser's name that he went by when on board of a man-of-war. His pleasure was to follow Dick Harness every-where; and if Dick sung, he would sing-if Dick played, he would play also; not at the same time, but if Dick stopped Bill would strike up. Dick used to call him his black shadow; and sometimes he would execute a flourish on his fiddle, which would be quite a puzzler to Opposition Bill, who would attempt something of the kind, which invariably set every one laughing. At last, Dick Harness's performances were not considered to be complete, if Opposition Bill was not in his company; and, as they were both very good-tempered funny fellows, they were a great amusement, especially in the fine weather, when they would sit on the benches upon the terrace about six or eight yards apart, for they seldom came nearer, and play and sing alternately. The songs sung by Dick Harness were chiefly old sea-songs; those of Opposition Bill were picked up from every part of the world; principally, however, those sung by the negroes who worked on the plantations in Virginia and Carolina. Peter Anderson, my father, Ben, and many others, were sitting on the benches, basking in the morning's sun, when Dick Harness made his appearance, limping along with his fiddle under his arm. 'Come along, Dick?' said Ben the whaler, we'll stow close, and make room for you here.'-'You must make elbow-room too, my hearty, or I sha'n't be able to fiddle. Come, what will you have this fine morning?' said Harness, tuning his instrument. As soon as it was in tune, he flourished a prelude from the top of the scale to the bottom, ending with an 'Eh-haw! eh-haw!' in imitation of the braying of a donkey. 'Give us the Spanish Ladies, Dick!' said my father. As this song was very popular at that time among the seamen, and is now almost forgotten, I shall, by inserting it here, for a short time rescue it from oblivion.

"Farewell and adieu to you, Spanish ladies, Farewell and adieu to you, ladies of Spain; For we have received orders For to sail to old England,

But we hope in a short time to see you again."

'Stop a moment, lads? I must screw him up a little more.' Dick regulated his first string, and then continued.

We'll rant and we'll roar, like true British sailors. We'll rant and we'll roar recoss the salt seas; Until we strike soundings In the Channel of old England,

(From Ushant to Scilly 'tis thirty-five leagues).

Then we hove our ship to, with the wind at sou-west, my

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Then we have our ship to, for to strike soundings clear;
Then we filled the main topsail
And bore right away, my boys.
And straight up the Channel of old England did steer.

So the first land we made, it is called the Deadman, Next Ram Head, off Plymouth, Start, Portland, and the Wight; We sail-ed by Beachy,

By Fairly and Dungeness, And then bore away for the South Foreland light.

'Now the signal it was made for the grand fleet to anchor, All in the Downs that night for to meet; Then stand by your stoppers, See clear your shank painters, Hawl all your clew garnets, stick out tacks and sheets."

Here Dick was interrupted by another fiddle, which went, 'tum, tum—scrape—tum, tum.' 'There's Opposition Bill, Dick,' said my father; 'I thought you would bring him out.'—'All's right,' replied Dick; hope he arn't affronted-but he looks very black this morning."

Stanfield has hit off this Greenwich colors capitally; indeed, his illustrations are general, good, "calm and classical," as Mrs. July would phrase it; witness the 'Loss of the Roy. George'—' Jack helping Freeman'—' Jack a Grumble's boat'—' Bramble saving Bessy.

Deiconer.' with many others. One elections of the colors of jection only we have to bring against this truly English New Year's offering—its oilcase core This is disagreeable to handle, and has, to spain in parables, "an ancient and fish-like smell."

An Index of Prohibited Books, by Command of the Present Pope Gregory XVI., in 1885, being the latest Specimen of the Literary Policy of the Church of Rome. By the Rev Joseph Mendham, M.A., &c. Duncan

THE announcement of this work naturally encited a good deal of interest. As a matter literary curiosity, an 'Index of Prohibite Books,' published in 1835,—"the latest specimen of the literary policy of the Church Rome"—would have been most welcome and, in a still higher point of view, it would have been curious to see how far the despotiss of an exclusive church would venture i the face of opinion in this, the nineteen century-what was the character of the book so especially prohibited, and what the church feared from their dissemination. Our reader then, will hear with surprise that nothing in the shape of the 'Index' in question is to be found in the whole volume! The Rev. Joseph Mendham, indeed, more than once asserts that he has the Index of Pope Gregory XVI. in his possession; he more than once professed refers to it: yet he sets forth with starting typographical display, no other than the old Index published at Venice, about the middle of the sixteenth century! Having thus state what the book is not, we need scarcely add what it is, -namely, a virulent and vituperative attack on the Catholic religion. With such mena Mr. Mendham, their views and their means, we shall refrain from meddling; nor do we profe to care three straws about their contests with Dr. Wiseman and the Dublin Review. But at dressing ourselves to the general public, and especially to that portion of it which can in above narrow and sectarian views, we beg to ask how it has come to pass that any such appeals in behalf of religious and literary liberty as the present work professes to be, should be though necessary or found profitable? How is it, that among the multitude of rival sects, each assen ing its own truth, in the face of conflicting rivals it should be deemed worth while to denounce the arrogant pretensions of the Pope to infallibility or how, in an age advancing with rapid strids to a purely democratic theory in politics, any fears should be maintained of papal prohibitions The phenomenon is certainly remarkable. In point of fact, from the era of the invention printing this pretension was scouted by scholar, and it must have been practically nullified before the Reformation could have arisen and have spread through the Christian world. For gene rations, it had ceased to be more than a bruton fulmen, respected by silly women and silliermen but despised and disregarded by the learned and enlightened, even among the Catholics themselves. Yet here in England, amidst penny magazines and useful knowledge publication under a reformed parliament and an all but m limited freedom of the press, fears are enter tained, or are affected, lest the Catholic religion should prevail, and the despotism of Poper should bow the necks of converted Protestants.

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militant of Rome, is immortal—that, bending to militant of Rolley, is immortant that, bending to the passing storm, it is prepared to raise again its head, at the first favourable opportunity. We look, too, for the natural—the inevitable reaction, which must follow such violence as was done to religious feeling on the continent, by the French revolution; and we know that the Catholic party has acted with an overweening confidence in the belief that a complete revulsion is taking place in men's minds, in reference to this question. We can understand, moreover, that these things may assume an alarming importance with cermay assume an anatuming importance with cer-tain Protestants whose imaginations have been more successfully appealed to than their reason-ing powers; and who are the more tremblingly alive to the dangers which menace their own little church, precisely because they do not understand the true grounds of its dissent from the Catholic system. We have, however, no hesitation in asserting our conviction that the movement in behalf of the old religion, such as

it is, is directly opposed to the spirit of the age, and that it will be alike temporary and inefficient. Catholic chapels, indeed, are multiplying in the land, and the existence and influence of the Catholic body is becoming more and more palpable; but there can be no doubt that the numerical increase of the body is closely confined to the increase of Catholic families imported from Ireland, and to the part which the Catholic population has in the general developement of the whole population of the island: nor is it less certain that the liberality of the Catholic party has been improved by the political contests in which it has been engaged. There is, we are aware, a spirit of proselytism in action, for, from time to time, we hear of conversions of considerable éclat; and it is well worth while to inquire how far this may depend on the notice attracted to the subject, by the virulent polemics of the day, and how far the No-Popery excitement proves one means of unsettling men's minds,— producing an effect like that which urges some persons at the sight of a precipice to fling them-

Far, however, beyond this, and much deeper at the root of the danger (whatever it may be) we should place the morbid irritability on religious subjects, almost peculiar to our countrymen, which has operated to close our schools and universities against all practical exercise of free discussion, which has accustomed their pupils to seek for truth in one only direction, and habituated them to submit to an asserted infallibility, only less intolerant than that of Rome, because it has fewer instruments of compression at its command. The struggle, on the other hand, between the various unestablished Protestant sects has rarely been for equality before the law, for a clear stage and no favour, but for supremacy, made good by the unchristian and uncharitable exclusiveness with which each claims possession of the one true path. All exclaim against the asserted infallibility of the Pope, but all no less unblushingly assert their own infallibility against each other. This state of the public mind is favourable to the reception of Popish doctrines; for when the contradictory intolerance of all has filled ignorant people with doubts which they cannot resolve, the Catholic priest, as the highest bidder, may naturally be expected to be the ultimate purchaser.

Against the pretensions of Rome, there is but one safeguard, and that is a knowledge of our rights, as men, and as Christians, to the fullest religious liberty. On this point an increase of knowledge is much wanted, and an increase of courage to assert the truth far more. It is not merely the right, but the duty, of all men themselves to seek for truth, spiritual and temporal; and therefore it is their duty to acknowledge, and promote a like liberty in others; and it is a

ation, whether the zeal which judges for others in matters of religion has not more of arrogant and overweening presumption, than of Christian meekness and humility.

Returning to the volume before us, we never can acknowledge the right of any body, religious can acknowing the right of any body, rengious or political, to condemn and prohibit any pub-lication, save the grossly immoral. We may therefore be permitted to say, that, as we never believed that Rome had at any time yielded one jot in its pretensions on this head (beyond the dictates of prudence), so we do not put the slightest faith in any modern extension of its views against the press.

Longbeard, Lord of London: a Romance. 3 vols. London, Bull.

IVANHOE created a new era in history and romance; before its publication most of our writers lost sight of the Saxons after the battle of Hastings, or at least only bestowed casual notice on the ineffectual struggles of the vanquished English to break the Norman yoke. Sir Walter Scott was the first expounder of our chronicles who traced the distinct existence of the conquered race, and inspired us with sympathy for their sufferings, their hopes, and their disappointments. Thanes, in their remote castles. nurtured hopes of seeing the Confessor's line restored: hardy outlaws in the greenwood defied the barbarous forest laws imposed by the descendants of pirates as the most galling badge of slavery: a new world of real life was given to the student of fact; unexplored realms of romance were opened to the lovers of fiction. But Thanes, like Cedric, and foresters like the bold outlaw of Sherwood, were not those on whom the yoke of the stranger pressed most heavily; tyranny in the country was weak, by being frittered into many baronial jurisdictions, but in the towns it was concentrated and energetic, pressing the more heavily on the citizens and burghers, as memory of their old municipal privileges rendered them impatient of oppres-

sion. The nobles and the clergy were banded against the industrious trades; Thomas à Becket, the only prelate for centuries after the Conquest who endeavoured to make the church a protection to the people against the state, fell in the contest; the cathedral afforded no sanctuary to the oppressed burgher, and the woods no shelter, for the Saxon outlaws soon lost all sense of nationality in love of plunder. The following brief description of Rochester, as it appeared to one of the personages in the tale before us, may be taken as a type of all England

at this unhappy period:—
"Beneath him lay the dark and frowning castle of Rochester, overlooking the small town at its foot, and guarding both it and the bright stream on which it was seated, from the assaults of the foeman. The

cathedral rose alongside of it\_and in that view, were typified almost all the then phases of English life. The frowning castle for the soldier—the solemn cathedral for the priest—the little insignificant town for the people—depending for its very existence on the other two—and the thick woods around, where Bryan Fitzosbert and his men devoted themselves to the then perilous life of the hunter."

Mr. Mackay has chosen the same period for his romance as the author of 'Ivanhoe,' but he has selected a different phase of society for illus-tration; we have indeed glimpses of towers and forests, but the main interest of the story lies in the city of London, and in the condition of its Saxon population.

An insult offered by a Norman noble to the daughters of a wealthy tanner, affords some view of the oppressions to which the citizens were subject, and serves to introduce the person who had undertaken to redress these wrongs, William Longbeard, or William the Saxon, who made for their recovery, in which William is

wholesome and profitable subject of self-examin- | is the hero of the story. The traits of his character, derived from the old chronicles, are thus delineated :-

"Endowed by nature with many rare gifts, he soon concentrated them all to the attainment of one soon concentrated them all to the attainment of one object—a chimerical one, it is true—the emancipation of the Saxon race in England from the tyranny of those of Norman blood. He was the grand democrat of the day, the apostle of the people, or, as he loved to be called, 'the saviour of the poor.' He lived with all the abstinence and severity of a Diogenes. He was an enthusiast in every cause which he undertook; and although he may have been flattered by the power he acquired,-what human heart is not? \_\_he certainly embraced the cause of the Saxon malcontents, from an innate conviction of its righteousness, and a sincere desire to relieve his fellow-Saxons from an oppression, which he considered most grinding and intolerable. It was not all at once he formed the idea of becoming a popular leader. Naturally gifted with the rarest eloquence, he had often, when present at any trial before the city dignitaries, supported the cause of the poor, and in many instances successfully. His singular, and almost prophet-like appearance, his extraordinary eloquence, and his unceasing advocacy of the rights of the oppressed, soon brought him into notoriety. As it was enthusiasm which first led him to enter this course, so it was enthusiasm which induced him to continue in it. His hatred of the Norman aristocracy was intense, and to be as far as it was possible different from them was his unceasing object.

The deformity of his person, for he was a hunchback, probably rendered him more sensitive than others to the taunts and gibes of the Normans. Mr. Mackay has, however, omitted one marked feature in the historical hero, which we think would have enhanced the interest of the romance, and that is, his spirit of religious enthusiasm, which gave greater exaltation to his views than belongs to the ordinary dema-gogue. Fitzosbert, as the Longbeard is very questionably named, loved to harangue the multitude; the efforts of the authorities to disperse the tumultuous assemblies thus convoked, frequently led to tumults; and the riot occasioned by the attempt of Fitzalwyne, the mayor, to arrest the orator is described with the force of probability :-

"The Longbeard was not idle; he saw, from the turn that events had taken, that his life and liberty were at stake on the issue of the encounter, and his voice still inspired his partizans to fresh exertions,when one of the soldiery pointed an arrow at his breast with a sure and deliberate aim, in order to make short work of the leader of the insurrection, Fitzosbert fell, and a groan resounded from one end of the street to the other. The dismay of the popu-lace was, however, but of short duration, for he almost immediately arose with the arrow in his hand, which he hurled at the head of Fitzalwyne, who, suddenly stooping on the neck of his horse, missed the blow. The Longbeard, knowing the danger of his career, always took the precaution whenever he went abroad to wear a strong coat of mail under his mantle of serge. The superstitious soldiery, thinking his life was charmed, began to give way, when the same archer, who had discharged the unavailing arrow at Fitzosbert, bent his bow once more towards the platform. This time the shaft was more successful, and the tall gaunt figure of Marichal fell reeling from the scaffolding into the crowd."

Summoned to appear before the Regency on the charge of having instigated the outrages perpetrated by the enraged multitude, William came to Westminster attended by such crowds that the authorities became alarmed, and adjourned his trial to some future day. Here fic-tion intervenes: according to the tale, the daughters of Jordan the tanner, to one of whom Fitzosbert was betrothed, were forcibly carried off by the same Norman nobleman who had insulted them in Smithfield, imprisoned in his castle, and menaced with the worst calamities. supposed to be aided by his brother, a free forester, or outlaw, like Robin Hood. Mr. Mackay is not unsuccessful in his effort to invest the woods of Kent with some of the romance of "merrie Sherwood," as the following lively ditty will testify:—

"The monk may be happy, hid under his hood,
But happier we in the good green-wood!
No liege's law,—no master's beck,—
Can put a yoke round the freeman's neck,
Who roams with us in the woods of holly,
Drinking the nut-brown ale so joly!
To the knight his sword! to the monk his hood!
But freedom to us in the good green-wood!"
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"Hardly had the minstrel finished this rough strain, when a dozen voices shouted in chorus, "To the knight his sword! to the monk his hood! And freedom to us in the good green-wood!"

The escape of the maidens from the castle, and the death of their oppressor, are described with spirit; but we proceed to the point where the tale again begins to approach the truth of history. William learns that during his absence he has been excommunicated by the spiritual, and outlawed by the civil authorities; he returns to London, seeks to justify himself before the citizens, finds their zeal and courage gone, is assailed by armed bands, and with difficulty escapes to sanctuary in St. Mary-le-Bow. As Mr. Mackay, following the example of many grave historians, deems this a proper opportunity for a homily on the delusive nature of popular support, we shall mention a circumstance which he and they have left unnoticed. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the justiciaries held the children of the chief citizens as hostages for the maintenance of peace; and though William knew his life was threatened, he trusted to his prophetic character rather than to prudence for his escape.

Following history, Mr. Mackay describes the violation of the right of sanctuary by order of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the storming of the church; but he then assumes the privilege of fiction, and makes Longbeard and his betrothed wife escape destruction by means of an idiot boy, passionately attached to music, and connected with the choir of the church—a creature of whom we would gladly have seen more. The real catastrophe must not remain untold: William, weak and wounded, was seized by the soldiers the moment they forced an entrance, tied to the tail of a horse, dragged to the gibbet and executed, before the citizens were aware that sanctuary had been violated. After his death he was revered as a martyr, and a military guard was necessary to keep worshippers from his tomb.

In our notice, we have drawn the line between fact and fiction, because the former will be to most readers as great a novelty as the latter. This is one of the few romances expressly written to elucidate the condition of the middle class in the feudal ages: it combines the merits of fidelity and ingenuity, but the author's purpose will be assisted by showing where one may be distinguished from the other. Anxious to prove that affecting incident, pure affection and exalted sentiment might be found beyond the baronial castle and the courtly hall, he has set the example of abandoning that cant of chivalry with which it has been too much the custom to gloss over the horrors of feudalism. The only fault of which we feel ourselves bound to take notice, is vagueness in his descriptions, both of locality and costume; there are not enough of min ute and characteristic traits to identify the age of the narrative; but these defects, after all, will be felt more by the lover of history than the l ver of romance.

Memoirs of M. Gisquet, formerly Prefect of Police—[Mémoires, &c.] Written by Himself.

THE real character of the communications alluded to in our former notice, between the three pri-

soners and the Duchess of Berry, speedily transpired, in spite of their recusant attitude; and an order for their instant liberation, from an imprisonment which had been little more than nominal, robbed the tomb on the Grand Bré of its illustrious tenant, for some years longer.

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About the chivalric bearing of M. de Chateaubriand and his companions, though somewhat affected, there is an atmosphere of nobility, the pain and unwholesomeness of descending from which into the air breathed around the traitor Deutz is at once felt. Important as it was to the interests of civil order and humanity that the Duchess should be captured, and little as she was deserving of sympathy either for herself or her cause, it is yet revolting to read the particulars of that sordid and calculating treachery which repaid the (in his case) generous and womanly confidence of this unhappy princess. A few words as to the history of this unprincipled scoundrel, may help to test the value of his own assertions of particity and humane motives.

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Deutz (says M. Gisquet) had already acquired a certain degree of celebrity, by a public abjuration, at Rome, in February 1828, of the faith of his fathers. At that period, when the European governments, leagued against philosophy and intellectual progress, favoured religious propagandism, the conversion of a Jew was esteemed a triumph, and made much noise. Deutz received a pension of twenty-five piastres monthly from the Pope's treasury. After a residence of three years at Rome, Deutz repaired to the United States. A year later, towards the close of 1831, he arrived in London, with the purpose of returning to Rome; where the accession of Cardinal Capellari to the pontifical chair assured him of a powerful protector. He left London along with Mesdames de Bourmont whom he accompanied as far as Geneva; and went from thence to Turin. There he was visited by M. Cauchy, who, being about to set out for Massa, invited Deutz to accompany him. Madame then held her little court at Massa, and Deutz was presented to her at the commencement of February 1832. The Duchess thanked him for the service which he had rendered to the Mesdames de Bourmont, and gave him letters of recommendation to Rome. But sca had he reached that city, ere a letter from M. de Bourmont brought him back to Massa; and there, as I have before explained, he was charged by the Duchesse de Berry with a mission to Don Miguel. Deutz paused for a few days at Barcelona, and sub-sequently at Madrid; and in this latter city, the thought of offering his services to the ministers of Louis Philippe first occurred to him. By a letter addressed to M. de Montalivet, and intrusted to M. de Rayneval, our ambassador, he declared his mission, and placed himself at the disposal of our govern-

M. Thiers, who had succeeded M. de Montalivet when Deutz arrived in Paris, naturally felt that the character of the man exposed the government employing him to the chance of becoming itself the victim of a mystification; and, both for this reason, and because of the danger of assassination which Deutz ran at Nantes, in case his treason was real, he was very anxious that the latter should use the unlimited confidence of the party for discovering the retreat of the Duchess, without quitting Paris at all. Deutz, however, resolved to penetrate in person to the hiding-place of the princess, and incurred no little peril in the attempt. He departed for Nantes under the name of Gonzagues, charged with numerous commissions, and some thirty letters from the leading members of the Carlist party. M. Thiers sent after him, for the purpose of seconding, protecting, and, if need were, watching him, Joly, the present head of the municipal police. Twenty-four hours after their departure, a report was addressed to M. Gisquet, which stated that the Comité Henriquinquiste had made the discovery of a traitor having been despatched to Nantes, who had undertaken to deliver up the person of Madame! and that a courier had, in consequence, been despatched to put the Duchess

on her guard. A copy of this announcement was immediately transmitted to M. Thiers; and the Minister, who could have no doubt that Deutz was the man pointed at, wrote to the prefect of the Loire-Inférieure, desiring him to warn Deutz, and prevent his exposing himself. Deutz had, nevertheless, the courage to present himself at the houses of three legitimatists at Nantes, where he was received with insult as a traitor, and agent of the government. The whole, however, was a mistake. In tracing out the matter, it was ascertained that the alarm given by the emissaries of the Duchess had no reference to Deutz, but to a government agent, much trusted by the party, and who, two days before the departure of Deutz, had, on his own instigation, taken the direc-tion of Nantes, in hope of being received by Madame, and effecting her capture. The misunderstanding was soon explained at Nantes, and Deutz was immediately sought, congratu-lated, and beset for the letters of which he was the bearer. These were instantly conveyed to the Duchess, who thereupon wrote to him, with her own hand :- "A man, in whom you may confide, will come for you on the 28th October, at six in the evening, and conduct you to me. The details of the reception given to Deutz by the mother of Henry V. appeared heretofore in the Athenæum, when (in Sept. 1833) we gave a translation of General Dermoncourt's interesting work; but it may be well here to mark the outline of proceedings :-

I saw, at first, (says Deutz,) only M. le Comte de Mesnard, of whom I inquired for Madame. She heard me, for immediately issuing from behind a screen, she said, "Here I am, my dear Deutz." At these words, pronounced with great kindness, I felt myself falter: a cloud came over my sight, and a sensation of sickness oppressed me. Then, with a gentleness which was natural to the princess, she drew a chair towards me, saying, "Recover yourself, my friend." Her tone, her accent, and her goodness went to my heart, and I found myself, for a moment, entertaining doubts of the necessity of her arrest.

The hopes of the government were frustrated, on the occasion of this first interview, by the remissness of the police agents appointed to follow the steps of Deutz; who lost sight of him in the crowd, before he reached the house at which the Duchess awaited him. He solicited, however, and obtained a new audience at the house of the Demoiselles Duguigny, on the 6th of November.

The audience lasted about an hour. On issuing from the house, Deutz gave the concerted signal to the police agents, and instantly the dwelling was surrounded and strictly searched.

They saw a table laid for six guests; but they found only the demoiselles Duguigny. To all questions these ladies replied with apparent confidence. They affected a calm, an indifference, and even an exhibition of ironical humour, which fairly disconcerted the agents. Beginning to have their doubt, some of these went after Deutz, for explanation; but he had already departed from Nantes. \* In the verbal instructions given by M. Thiers to M. Joly, the minister had prudently foreseen all difficulties. The measures of government had, already, been so often paralyzed, by stratagems of one kind or another, that he had recommended unusual perseverance. In conformity with these instructions, the search was continued, and the demoiselles Duguigny were informed that, if necessary, their house would be demolished, to discover the hiding-place of the Duchess, or the manner in which she had escaped. It was thought probable that there might be secret communications with the neighbouring houses, or subterranean passages conducting to distant points of the town. \* Extreme anxiety reigned at Nantes, as well as at Paris. The affair engaged all thoughts. As early as the forenoon of the 7th of November, the government was aware of the interview between Deutz and the duchess. We knew the commencement of the drama, and awaited its denouement with

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feverish inquietude. In one of my visits to M. Thiers, I found him with Deutz, who had just arrived from Nantes. He seemed almost as impatient as ourselves to learn the solution of the problem. The ourselves to learn the solution of the problem. The night of the 7th was passed in this painful state of expectation; but at last, about noon, on the 8th, an estafette brought the intelligence so impatiently awaited—the duchess was taken! For sixteen hours she had been sought in vain. Soldiers, gendarmes, and police-agents occupied every apart-ment of the house: and, at length, the cold and fatigue of their long watch had induced two of the gendarmes left in charge of a small chamber, to make a fire. Ere long, they heard sounds, followed by a knocking on the metal plate which formed the bottom knocking on the metal plate which formed the contour of the chimney, a cry of "Open, open, we are suffocating," and a voice which explained to them the manner of lifting the plate. The Duchesse de Berry presented herself first at the opening, and stepped out from her dungeon formed in the thickness of the from her dungeon formed in the thickness of the wall,—burning herself slightly on the stove as she passed. She and her companions had suffered terri-bly during their captivity of sixteen hours in this recess, destitute of every provision and convenience.

The concluding circumstance of this wild adventure which converted all its dramatic incidents into farce, must be fresh in the recollection of our readers. With a nation so ouick to perceive the ridiculous in others, and so sensitive of its application to themselves—and, above all, with that high court party, with whom etiquette is not a form, but an essentialit had the salutary effect of withdrawing the Duchess of Berry from the political stage, by rendering her, for the future, not presentable as a heroine of romance. From the moment when she became a mother, by any other title than that of "the mother of Henry V.," she ceased

to be the head of her party.

Amongst the multiplied disturbances, of a thousand kinds, which troubled the Prefect, M. Gisquet speaks with considerable bitterness of the manner in which his duties and anxieties were complicated by the refugees of various nations who resorted to France. Our own experience of these political victims leads us to believe that M. Gisquet is far too general and severe in his allegations against them. But it must be remembered, that those who visited England brought their wounded feelings into a society very different from that which their brethren found in France-one in which their feelings were subjected to a soothing treatment, rather than one of constant irritation. But even these men themselves may well forgive M. disquet, if his spirit retains yet some traces of the perpetual chafing to which it was exposed, by that eternal tempest, into the very midst of which his office, like a sea-built light-house, specially thrust him. Really these volumes leave an impression on the mind, as of the long, dull echo of one continuous roar of anarchy -amid whose tumults we are led to wonder how the high and substantive interests of the nation have ever contrived to progress. The particulars which M. Gisquet gives of these refugees are not of general interest: but one incident we will transfer to our columns for the same reason which led us to give the émeute of the poison-alarmists, as exhibiting a picture which would seem more appropriate in the dark, quaint, heavy setting of the Middle Ages, than in the light and polished frame-work of modern society. Who could expect to find, amid an increaselights of advanced civilization, and the complicated machinery of police arrangements, a secret tribunal trying its criminals, and executing its capital sentences, with a determina-Arsacides, or the Franc-Juges of later times?
To be sure we have had Jedburgh law almost within the memory of man, and heard too much of Lynch law in our own day; but the one and the other are the wild undisciplined act of an

excited mob-wanting in all the characters of passionless premeditation, chilling form, and silent execution, that belonged to the deeds of those terrible tribunals, which seem to have sent down a representative to our own times :-

The attention of the public and the government was for some time attracted to the body of Italian emigrants, by the circumstances of a crime committed on the 31st of May, 1833. The refugees of that nation were for the mort part affiliated with La Jenne Italie a secret society, grafted on Carbonarism, and having for its chief an able and resolute man, named Mazzini, who had been already sent out of France, on account of the active propagandism in which he engaged, and exercised an unbounded influence over his exiled compatriots. In 1832 and 1833, Mazzini resided in Geneva; and edited there the journal La Giovine Italia. On the 20th October, 1832, a certain Sieur Emiliani was attacked at Rhodes by a band of Italian refugees like himself. He received several stabs with a poniard, but the inhabitants who were witnesses of the crime, rushed upon the assa sins, seized them, and rescued Emiliani from certain The guilty men were handed over to the law: their process was commenced; and the Pro-cureur du roi, of Rhodes, shortly afterwards received the following document, the tenour of which explains the cause of the crime :-

Translation of the Sentence pronounced by the Secret Tribunal against four Italians.

The 15th of December, 1832, at ten in the evening, the Chief of the Society and the members com posing it being assembled, the Secretary was called upon to communicate a letter, containing a sentence emanating from the tribunal of Marseilles against the accused, Emiliani, Scuriatti, Lazzoreschi, and Andreani; whose acts have been denounced to the president at Rhodez, and their guilt established: president at knodez, and their gent consistent of the first, as propagators of infamous writings against our holy society: 2ndly, as partisans of the infamous Papal government, with which they are in mous rapal government, with which they are in correspondence—crimes having no less a tendency than that of paralyzing our projects in favour of the sacred cause of liberty. After a full examination of the charges resulting from the process, application being made of Article 22,—are unanimously condemned to death, Emiliani and Scuriatti. As for Lazzoreschi and Andreani, the charges against them being less grave, they are condemned only to be beaten with rods\_their liability reserved, on their return into their own country, to undergo an additional sentence, condemning them to the galleys for life, as infamous traitors and notorious brigands. The President of Rhodez will select four executioners of this sentence, who are charged to carry it into effect within the extreme limit of twenty days. He who shall refuse, will, himself, incur the penalty of death, ipso facto. Given, at Marseilles, by the Supreme Tribunal, at the hour of midnight, the year and day above. (Signed) MAZZINI, President.

LA CECILIA, L'Incaricato. It was not long ere facts came in proof of the authenticity of this document and the reality of the sentence. On the 31st of May, the tribunal of Rhodez had tried, and condemned to five years' imprisonment, six individuals, parties to the attempted assassination of the 20th of October, 1832,—and Emiliani had, necessarily, figured as a witness on the trial. He, afterwards, entered a café, in company with his wife, Lazzoreschi, and another refugee, of the name of Gavioli. The latter drew a poniard, wounded Emiliani mortally, and then Lazzoreschi. The wife of Emiliani strove to protect her husband and repel the assassin, and received, herself, two wounds from his poniard. No provocation, no word of irritation had preceded the crime. Gavioli fled out of the town, but was pursued and arrested. Two days afterwards the victims were interred, and no Italian appeared at their funeral;—a sure and fright-ful proof of the existence of the secret tribunal, and the terror which it inspired! It is evident that Gavioli, who had no personal motive of emity against his victims, was the instrument chosen for the execution of the frightful sentence—the murderer appointed by the president of the secret tribunal of odez, in conformity with the orders of the supreme

From the refugee bodies, who so much excite received and embarked the various materials which

the spleen of our Prefect, and really seem to have given him so much trouble, he passes naturally, and with no diminution of his wrath, to certain individuals, who, either as refugees or amateurs, chose Paris for a residence, and made themselves obnoxious to his anxious observation. The most conspicuous of these, for his elevated rank, is the deposed Duke of Brunswick :-

It is known (says our author) that at the com-mencement of the year 1831, the extravagances of this petty despot, whose ambition it seemed to be to copy Don Miguel, had caused him to be expelled from Brunswick, much in the same manner as C the Tenth was dismissed from France, in 1830. He came to Paris, and affected a disposition to drown the memory of his disaster, in the midst of dissi-pation. But under the semblance of a Sybarite, his Highness concealed a heart fashioned, no doubt, for the great events of life:—glory was his dream; and he resolved to proceed to the reconquest of his ducal crown. Now it is known to all men, that amid that crown. Now it is known to all men, that amu that archipelago of duchies, grand-duchies, principalities, free towns, and sovereign states, which crowd the German soil—in that Mosaic, wherein the principalities of Lichtenstein, Hohenzollern-Hechingen, palities of Lichtenstein, Hohenzollern-Hechingen, Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, Schwarzbourg-Rudol-stadt, Schwarzbourg-Sondershausen, Lippe-Detmold, and the Landgravate of Hesse-Homburg, are scarcely perceptible—the duchy of Brunswick-Wolfenbuttel occupies a very honourable rank. One hundred and twenty square leagues, and two hundred and forty thousand inhabitants, make of it, as it were, a puls sance, relatively to the circumjacent principicules.
Impatient to restore their lost happiness to his former subjects and to punish the felons who had so out-rageously expelled him, the Brunswick prince ar-ranged the plan of a campaign, set about recruiting in the north, and concluded a treaty with M. Vincent in the north, and concluded a treaty with 2. The Nolté, a merchant in Paris, for the arming and equipping of an army of five thousand men—at the head of which, it was his intention to recover possession of his dominions. The duke had pocketed session of his dominions. The duke had pocketed several millions (francs) arising out of his inheritance, as settled in London;—thanks to the kindness of his august relative, King William the Fourth, and to the exertions of a certain Sieur Aloard, charged by the deposed prince with this somewhat delicate negotiation. Possessed of this fortune, after having liberally remunerated his agent Aloard, by the gift of a false diamond, the Duke of Brunswick hurried on the completion of his five thousand uniforms, five thousand pairs of shoes, five thousand schakes, five thousand cartridge-boxes, and five thousand knapsacks; and insisted on the prompt delivery of the two pieces of cannon, five thousand muskets, and three hundred thousand cartouches which had been three hundred thousand cartouches which has promised him. A sum of 50,000 frances was already paid on account of these munitions. Unluckly for him all these preparations were known to me. M. him, all these preparations were known to me. M. le Baron d'Audlau, the Duke's Commissioner, was invited to call on me:—and to him I announced the formal determination of the government to oppose the exportation of those articles, and the orders to that effect, which had been given to the authorities at all the places fixed for their delivery and embarkation. The measures adopted on this occasion put a sudden stop to the pretender's warlike projects; and prevented, it may be, a Restoration in the duchy of Brunswick. If France had refrained from propa-Brunswick. If France had refrained from propa-gandism in the liberal interest, she was still less dis-posed to favour counter-revolutionary intrigues. It would have been monstrous that the land of freedom should be made the arsenal of absolutism. Besides, if the truth must be told, I never could pensetrate very clearly into the intentions of his Highness the Duke. His designs always appeared to me enve-loped in a cloud, which leaves me doubtful, even now, as to the reality of the plans of conquest. I loped in a cloud, which leaves me doubtful, even now, as to the reality of the plans of conquest. It know that he had been, by means of emissaries, in communication with the Duchesse de Berry. It was at the precise moment when the mother of Henry V. quitted Italy, that the ex-despot of Brunswick purchased arms, munitions of war, and military equipments, which were contracted to be furnished conformably to the articles of the same nature used by the French army. The uniforms were ordered at Bordeaux; and there were to be

the contractors had undertaken to furnish. Now, the ship, apparently destined to transport them to the mouth of the Elbe, might very easily have landed its cargo at some point on the coast of Brittany, and bands of the Chouans would not have failed to be in the way to assist the operation. The more I compare facts, the more convinced am I that his highness of Brunswick was a gossip of our pretended regent. Such considerations—not to say conviction—could. Such considerations—not to say contracted of course, only fortify my determination to thwart the combinations of the personage in question. His remonstrances and denials were very unceremoniously received, and I subjected all his movements to a strict surveillance. It was not long ere I learnt that he had abandoned himself to fresh intrigues: and this time it was the republicans to whom he and this time it was the republicans to whom he addressed himself. Amongst that party he now found instruments, and with their doctrines he all at once affected to be strangely smitten. \* The encouragement held out by him to the enemies of our institutions, and the offensive language in which he had permitted himself the habit of indulging, in relation to our government, rendered it impossible to tolerate his longer abode in France. Accordingly, the ministry desired me to notify to him the necesthe ministry desired me to notify to him the neces sity of his departure. The Duke of Brunswick forgetting that when one has the honour to be a fallen greatness, it is becoming to exhibit something like nobility of sentiment, calmness, and resignation preferred to make a display of the asperities of his rebellious character, and refused obedience to my injunctions. A second invitation to depart having been equally disregarded, I gave orders for his arrest, been equally disregarded, I gave orders for his arrest, in conformity with the instructions of the Minister of the Interior. On the 18th of September, 1832, the commandant of gendarmerie, M. Laverderie, presented himself at the duke's residence, provided with a decree of expulsion, signed by the minister and me, and accompanied by a strong escort. The prince refusing to open his apartment, a locksmith was called for the purpose. The duke was in bed, and was summoned in the name of the law to rise, and follow the greate of the public authority. summoned in the name of the law to rise, and follow the agents of the public authority. He obeyed only when he found that longer resistance would drive the gendarmes to the use of force. The duke was then placed in a post-chaise, accompanied by a lieutenant of gendarmerie and a peace-officer, and conducted to the frontier of Switzerland. • • Returning to France in the following year, his residence at Paris was no longer disturbed, because he lived there peaceably, and ceased to meddle in political intrigues.

The tone of irony adopted by M. Gisquet throughout this narrative sufficiently attests the feeling of irritation under which he writes: but another curious feature of the affair has been exposed since the publication of M. Gisquet's volumes, likely, if true, to increase that irritation, and add to the amusement which the case promises to furnish to the Paris public. An aide-de-camp of the duke has written to the French de-camp of the duke has written to the French papers, to say, that the place of his Highness, in bed, on the morning of the arrest, as well as throughout the forced journey which followed, was occupied by an officer of the obnoxious prince: and that the latter amused himself in Paris, under a sort of half-incognite, during the whole time of his supposed exclusion, laughing at M. Gisquet, and awaiting the return of the friend whom the prefect had caused to be so carefully conducted to the frontier.

M. Gisquet describes at great length the constitution and proceedings of the various societies, which spread their several meshes to entangle and impede the action of the public force;—and gives a lamentable account of the Lyons riots, in 1834, in which one hundred and thirty-one of the soldiery (including a colonel and twelve officers), and one hundred and seventy of the insurgents, were slain,—and of the revolt by which they were followed in the capital, when the barricades were renewed, and the streets held by the mob, in the face of an imposing military array, with a daring worthy of a nobler cause. The events of those fatal days are fresh in the recollection of our readers, as are those, also, which accompanied the long string of at-

tempted assassinations, from which Louis Philippe has escaped as by a succession of miracles. Really when we read M. Gisquet's account of the snares which have been laid for the life of this gallant king,-far more numerous than the public were aware, as all which did not result in some overt act, were carefully kept from transpiring,—it is impossible for the imagination to avoid investing him with the attribute of "a charmed life." He bows his head, in salutation to a sentinel, and the ball aimed at it goes directly through its place, and lodges in the cushions of his carriage. He passes through the streets, surrounded by his sons and his officers, and the discharge of a diabolical machine picks out his marshals and generals from both sides of him, while he and his children ride on unharmed. He drives untouched to Neuilly, through a road literally beset with snares. Such repeated and remarkable escapes Napoleon would at once have referred to the influence of his star. In the first of these attempts—that on the Pont-Royal, in 1832, in which Mademoiselle Boury figured, as our readers will remember— the Sieur Bergerou was, amongst others, implicated as an accomplice. Bergerou was tried and acquitted: but the charge then made against him has since weighed heavily upon his head meeting him at every turn, and furnishing his enemies with a standing reproach. For some time past, Bergerou has been connected with the Paris press; and many of our readers know the particulars of his recent attack upon M. Emile de Girardin, a rival gérant, in a box of the Opera, to avenge a provocation of the above nature, for which he has since been sentenced to fine and imprisonment at the instance of the public prosecutor. In 1832 the friends of M. Bergerou accused M. Gisquet, as head of the police, of being the author of the attempt on the Pont-Royal. This obligation M. Gisquet has carefully treasured; and repaid it, in the present publication, by the following paragraph:—

M. Bergerou's innocence of the imputed fact is

thus legally recognized. The affair is judged—de-finitively judged: no inquiry can trouble his future repose, in so far as the deed in question is concerned.

repose, in so far as the deed in question is concerned. I may, therefore, express my opinion without the slightest injury to him. Well, then, I will say, that, in my opinion, the jury was mistaken!

For this paragraph, M. Bergerou has brought his action:—and it forms the second of those libels with whose consequences these volumes threaten their luckless author.

M. Gisquet repeats, at great length, the par-ticulars attending the trial and execution of the accomplices in the crime of Fieschi:—and, amongst their well-known details, it may, per-baps, be new to our readers to learn, on the authority of the prefect, that Pepin was offered his life at the foot of the scaffold. The police had in their hands some of the remote threads of other conspiracies against the life of the king; and it seems to have been imagined that Pepin could, if he chose, give such information as would enable its agents to trace them up to the machinery with which they were connected. The fear of death which Pepin had betrayed throughout the whole of the proceedings offered every prospect of a successful issue to such an appeal: and it seems probable that, in the stupefaction of the moment, Pepin scarcely appre-hended the full import of the communication made to him.

At the foot of the scaffold (says our author) M. Zangiacomi, the juge d'instruction, caused it to be twice intimated to Pepin, by a commissary of police, that he had orders to respite his execution, in case he had anything to reveal. The government, in spite of the horror attached to the guilt of Pepin, was indulgently disposed towards him. His condition as the father of a family, his supposed deficiency of understanding, and the belief that Fieschi had

exercised a satanic influence over his feeble nature, seemed to render the extremity of example in his case less imperative. A plausible motive would have been gladly seized to make an exception in his favour; and in this view it was that, to the last, the attempt was persisted in to make him speak frankly, or even pretend that he had revelations to make. or even pretend that he had revelations to make. Had Pepin snatched at the plank held out to him, he would be now free in the bosom of his family. But there are men whom a fatality seems to pursue, and a false judgment to lead astray in the most important actions of their lives. Pepin could exhibit only stupid cunning and unhappy weakness, at the moment when his interest demanded truth and energy: and when the presence of death should have made him seize with avidity the means of escape, he armed himself with a stoical indifference, and missed the lucky inspiration which should have directed him to accept the offered delay. But the obstinacy of Pepin caused him to reject the impor-tunities of M. Zangiacomi. He repeated, that he tunities of M. Zangiacomi. He repeated, that he had nothing to say—that he died innocent, the victim of infamous machinations. There were no further grounds for arresting justice; and Pepin was exe-

Before taking leave of those readers whom he as conducted through such tempestuous scenes, M. Gisquet indulges in a few pages of calmer narrative; giving some account of those dan-gerous classes in the metropolis, which are, however, far more fully described in the work of M. Frégier (reviewed in Athen. Nos. 649, 650), and some particulars relative to the prisons of the Seine, exposed at much greater length by M. Maurice (Athen. No. 676). In fact, this portion of the work is extremely meagre, furnishing scarcely an anecdote which we could transfer to our columns. The following account of a famous robber-a sort of vulgar Barrington-may amuse our readers :-

I will mention one of these, who has always escaped from the accusations brought against him. He is known by the name of Mimi Lepreux, and is the most adroit pickpocket in Paris. Many of the the most adroit pickpocket in Faris. Many of the police agents know him well, and are incessantly watching him; and yet they have never been able to establish legally a single one of the numerous robberies of which he is guilty. I remember a report made to me, in which so many curious things were said of this man, that I was led to question an officer familiar with the doings of Mimi Lepreux. The officer informed me that this robber had at least 15,000 francs a year, payable out of property purchased with the produce of his larcenies: that he was very liberal to the poor, and still more so to the petty thieves who served him: that he had always a petty thieves who served him: that he had always a dozen of these, on great occasions, employed to keep a look-out for him—to penetrate into the crowd—to ascertain how such or such a person placed his purse, his gold snuff-box, his pocket-book, &c.: that these auxiliaries execute nothing themselves, confining themselves to acquainting Mimi with what have observed, who takes upon himself to their discoveries to profit. For example, one they have observed, who takes upon himself of turn their discoveries to profit. For example, one of these robber-apprentices will come to Mimi, and whisper in his ear, in slang phrase, "That old gentleman, fifteen paces to the right, with white hair and a cane in his hand, has put a heavy purse in his left breeches'-pocket."—"Very well," replies Mimi, "there's ten sous for you. Cut!" A quarter of an hour afterwards, the purse is in Mimi's possession—but not to remain there two seconds. There are always accomplices near, ready to receive the stolen article, which passes from hand to hand, and disappears in a twinkling. If, therefore, the almost imperceptible movement of the thief should happen to be remarked at the instant of the robbery, and even if the party robbed should seize the culprit's arm, if the party robbed should seize the culprit's arm, there is no means of establishing the crime. In such case, Mimi, with perfect calmness and self-possession, expresses his surprise that any one should dare to suppose him capable of such conduct. He appeals suppose him capable or such conduct. He appears to the common sense of the bystanders, shows his purse well filled with gold pieces, and his pocket-book stuffed with bank notes—which contains, by chance, too, the receipt for his last taxes—and asks if a father of a family, in affluent circumstances like his, may not despise an accusation of the sort? "I am willing i

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to suppose," he says, "that the gentleman may have spoken without thought, and bear him no grudge for a mistake which, happily, can do no harm to me." It is not an uncommon thing to see the victim stammer out apologies to the robber, and depart, through a crowd of persons murmuring their indignation against him. \* On the day in which M. Rodde presented himself on the Place de la Bourse, to exercise the profession of public crier, Mimi Le-preux was met by the same peace-officer, in the midst of an extraordinary concourse of republicans and curious spectators. "What are you doing here?" and curious spectacus." I am a severe tone....." I am doing like the others,—looking on, and walking about."...." You are well aware that I know you; about."—" I ou are well aware that I know you; you are here with the purpose of doing some mischief."—" As I tell you, I am doing nothing at all; why do you bother me? I snot the pavement free for everybody?"—"Don't stand arguing there; move on, or I will have you taken up. You are here for for everybody?"—"Don't stand arguing there; move on, or I will have you taken up. You are here for the purpose of robbing. We have plague enough on our hands, without your coming hither, with your band, to pilfer."—"Bah!" said Mimi Lepreux, impatiently, and losing his temper; "leave me alone! Your republicans are nothing better than canaille! I have picked more than five hundred of their pockets, and nover found a row in one of them!" and never found a sou in any of them !"

### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

The Viceroy, by John Fisher Murray, Esq., 3 vols.— Though containing some scenes smartly written, and based upon that high morality, duty predominant over interest and expediency, which claims all possible respect,—'The Viceroy' is nevertheless anything but a comfortable novel. This, it is true, is the character of most stories having Ireland for their scene; but we prefer even the familiar miseries caused in the cabin by the tyranny of the middle-men, and at the fair or 'pattern,' by party-faction and secret conspiracy, to such a display as 'The Viceroy' unfolds, of the cor-ruption of Irish official life—of the sinks and sewers

of Dublin Castle. Passion wrings the heart or Dubin Castle. Passion wrings the hear—mean-ness makes the gorge rise: and the latter, though it be the legitimate aim of a pamphlet, or an election harangue, is hardly so of a novel. Mr. Murray, how-ever, does not always dwell on the backstairs, and among the worms and the sycophants of Irish lord lieutenancy: he has other characters beside the idiotic Lord Ryevale and Messrs. Hack and Earwig. His hero and heroine belong to one of those high-minded and charming families, every member of which, if Virtue met its deserts, ought to be born into novels, with a golden, not silver spoon, in their mouth. Charles Harvey, however, is made a little shy, and gratuitously ignorant of mankind to redeem his fault-less monstrosity. Shakspeare Randolph, his friend, is one of those agreeable rattles, flying at all game, and hitting most of it, who keep novels alive at a small expense of creative power;—here and there, too, is an episodical scene of darker colour than belongs to the group whose persons we have enume-rated, which does its part in inducing us to counsel the author, for the sake of the cleverness he has dis-

the author, for the sake of the cleverness he has dis-played, to choose a pleasanter subject for any future fictitious essay.

The Principal Baths of Germany, &c., by Edwin Lee, Esq., M.R.C.S. Vol. I., Nassau, Badsn, and the adjacent Districts.—This little book contains infor-mation concerning some twenty of the German springs, hot and cold, which Fashion and Physic, and a love of travel have since the pance peopled with a love of travel, have, since the peace, peopled with so many invalid and restless English. Mr. Lee ap-pears to us minute and satisfactory in his exposition, and pleasant in his manner: a slight disposition to puff

and piesasint in an manner: a sight disposition to pur particular "Brunnen," and to depreciate Dr. Gran-ville's larger work on the subject, being allowed for. Chapters on the Poets of Ancient Greece, by H. Alford, M.A.—These 'Chapters' appeared originally in one of the provincial Magazines, for which they were well enough adapted, but we see nothing in them to call for republication.

The New Annual Army List, by Lieut. H. G. Hart.

—So far as we are able to judge, this is a well-com-

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List of New Books.—Bosworth's Eton Greek Grammar, with English Notes, 3rd edit. 12mo. 4s. cl.—Kern's Moral Government of God Elucidated and Enforced, 12mo. 6s. cl.

—The Orphan, or the True Principles of Religious Education, 18mo. 2s. cd. cl.—Oliver and Boyd's New Edinburgh Almanae and National Repository for 1841, 4s. bd.—The Natical Magazine and Naval Chronicles for 1840, 8vo. 14s. bds.—Nuces Philosophicz, or the Philosophy of Things, by Edward Johnson, Part I. 1s. swd.—Worsley's Drawing-Book, 2 vols. 8s. cl.—The Cracks of the Day, edited by Wildrake, roy. 8vo. 21s. cl.—Important Truths in Simple Verse, square, 31s. 6d. cl.—Tippo Sultaun, by Capt. M. Taylor, 3 vols. post 8vo. 31s. 6d. bds.—Martin's Holiday Book, or Treasury of Knowledge, 18mo. 6s. cl.—Wagner's Elements of Physiology, translated from the German, with additions, by R. Willis, Part I. On Generation, 8vo. 10s. 6s. swd.—The Natural History of Humming-Birds, by Sir W. Sardine, 2 vols. 8vo. 42s. mor.—An Inquiry into the Extent, Gausse, and Consequences of Prostitution in Edinburgh, by W. Talk, two. 6s. cl.——Enoids on Annual Catalogue of New Books for 1840, 8vo. 1.6d. swd.—Smee's Elements of Electro-Metallurgy 6vo. 10s. 6s. cl.—Dirors Church Catechiam Illustrated, new edit. 18mo. 2s. 6d. hd.—The Cast Age of the Church, by John Wyellife, edited by Todd, square 12mo. 5s. hf-0d.—Arnott on Strictures and Stone, 2nd edit. Svo. 7s. cl.—The Prijet, Vol. XXXVIII. 8vo. 7s. 6d. cl.—Dr. Laurie's Manual of Estracts in Spanish Prose, 12mo. 6s. del.—Dr. Laurie's Manual of Homeopathic Medicine, Vol. I. 12mo. 13s. cl.—Directs of the Church. by John Wyellife, edited by Todd, square 12mo. 5s. hf-0d.—Arnott on Strictures and Stone, 2nd edit. Sva. Anatomy of the Norves and Uterus, 610lo, 8s. cl.—Dr. Laurie's Manual of Homeopathic Medicine, Vol. I. 12mo. 13s. cl.—Directs Charlet of Homeopathic Medicine, Vol. I. 12mo. 13s. cl.—Dr. Laurie's Manual of Homeopathic Medicine,

METEOROLOGICAL JOURNAL for DECEMBER, kept by the Assistant Secretary, at the Apartments of the Royal Society,

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T 15		30.268	32.3	30.242	30.234	32.3	25	ditto	27.0	27.3	27.3	31.3		N	A.M. Overcast-light snow. P.M. Fine-light clouds. Evenly
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T17	29.772	29.766	32.5	29.766	29.758	32.8	28	ditto	31.4	24.3	27.7	34.6		NE	A.M. Overcast—light snow—brisk wind. P.M. Fine—light clot and wind. Evening, Overcast—sharp frost.
F 18	29.614	29.608	29.6	29.494	29.488	31.8	25	ditto	28.3	35.2	21.2	31.7		N	A.M. Overcast—brisk wind—slight thaw. P.M. Overcast—c tinued thaw. Evening, Overcast—snow and wind.
8 19	29.588	29.580	31.8	29.568	29.560	33.0	27	ditto	31.3	35.0	29.2	35.5		N	(Overcast-light wind, with frost throughout the day. Events
⊙20	29.840	29.832	34.0	29.950	29.944	34.9	29	02.4	35.8	36.3	29.3	36.3		N	Overcast—thaw. Overcast—light brisk wind throughout the day. Evening, The like
M21	30.262	30.254	35.9	30.278	30.270	36.7	30	02.2	35.6	36.2	35.0	37.2		NE	(A.M. Overcast-bish wind, P.M. Fine-tight clouds-high with
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T29	30.256	30.248	31.2	30.246	33.240	31.8	26	ditto	26.4	32.3	24.2	33.0		8	Light fog and wind, with sharp frost throughout the day. Eveni Overcast—rapid thaw—rain.
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## PERCIVAL B. LORD, M.B.

THE Indian mail, just received, brings an account of the death of Dr. Lord, in the battle that brought or the death of Dr. Lord, in the oattle that brought to a prosperous conclusion those political operations for tranquillizing Afghanistan, in which he had so large and influential a share. Thus, in the very prime of life, fell one whose qualities of head and heart won the respect and affection of all with whom he came in contact. We knew him long, and loved him well: ontact. We knew him long, and loved him well;
-had his life been spared, he would have made himself known to the world, and commanded universal esteem. The few brief lines that we conse versal esteem. The lew order lines that we conse-crate to his memory, while yet the intelligence of his loss is fresh, will too faintly convey our impression of his worth. Nevertheless,

His saltem accumulem donis, et fungar inani

Percival B. Lord was the son of the late Rev. John Lord, chaplain to an institution founded at Mitchelstown, in the county of Cork, by the Kingston family, for the relief of decayed gentlewomen, particularly the widows of clergymen. He was educated by his father, and in due course sent to the Dublin University, where he obtained several honours. Ill health, however, interrupted his studies, and his medical advisers recommended that he should try some more active course of life; he chose the medical ion; and after graduating in Dublin, went to Edinburgh, where his zeal in anatomical and physiological pursuits, won him the favour of the prin-cipal professors. While he was yet a student, the cho-lera appeared, and he offered his services as resident superintendent of one of the hospitals; his skill and ourage were equally manifested in this perilous honourable testimony to the value of his services. Having completed his course in Edinburgh, he came to London, where he devoted himself to study with all the ardour that his delicate health would permit; and soon became an active and zealous fellow-labourer with us in the Athenœum; we may now say, that his valuable papers were highly prized by the profession; and we especially remember one on Consump-tion (Nos. 333 and 334), which was copied by many medical journals on the continent and in America. He published the 'Outlines of Popular Physiology,' which has now become a standard work; and Description of Algiers, in which all the information respecting the natural resources of that Presidency, and its relations to the European and Levant trade, which had been accumulated by preceding writers, is condensed and simplified. It is still, perhaps, our best work on the subject, and the only one which gives a fair estimate of the importance of such a lony to France. While the 'Description of Algiers' was passing through the press, Dr. Lord received an appointment in the medical service of the East India Company, and proceeded to Bombay. His friends would have preferred his remaining at home. had not a tendency to consumption rendered his removal to a warm climate very desirable. On the voyage he devoted himself to the study of the Persian language, in which he attained considerable profi-ciency before the vessel reached India. His knowledge of Persian, and his other acquirements, early procured him an appointment in the commercial embassy sent to Cabul under Sir Alexander Burnes. The illness of an Uzbeg chief afforded him an op-portunity to visit Tartary just at the moment when the intrigues of Russia, in Central Asia, began to alarm the authorities in Calcutta. The information which Dr. Lord collected and forwarded to the Governor-General, was so valuable, and evinced a mind of such superior order, that he was removed from the medical to the diplomatic branch of the service, and intrusted with the charge of some of the most difficult and responsible negotiations connected with the late on in Afghanistan. The final surrender of Dost Mohammed Khan must, in a great degree, be attributed to his judgment and firmness: at the very moment when success had crowned his efforts, he

His needless exposure of himself in the field of

battle, may be said to have occasioned this calamity;

valour which distinguishes his countrymen...his character was a rare mixture of Irish courage and English prudence. In private life, in the relations of son, brother, and friend, no one surpassed, and few have equalled him.

but Dr. Lord had a more than ordinary share of th

### OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

Some short time since (No. 686), we mentioned that M. Kobell, of Munich, had produced engravings from paintings on copper by means of the electro-type, and we then briefly described the process. In reference to this subject, we have just received the following letter, accompanied by two very interesting specimens, which we have directed to be left at our office, and shown to all who are curious on the subject :\_

subject:

In an article published in your paper of December 19, No. 696, a description was given of a plate being obtained from a painting on copper, which, when electrotyped, would answer all the purposes of an engraved plate. I beg to say, that the attention of Mr. W. Havel, the artist, was, long before the period mentioned, directed to the subject; and I had the pleasure of producing by that process an electrotype plate, from which the enclosed print, No. 1, was taken, which, for the first attempt, was considered more than successful: it combines the united effects of etching, merzotint, and line engraving. This was early in Novemerzotint, and line engraving. than successful: it combines the united effects of etching, mezzotint, and line engraving. This was early in November; and several of my friends had specimens by the 10th of December; since which the attention of others has been drawn to the subject, and the enclosed print, No. 2, is the latest production; showing the advancement that has already been made in this most interesting and universal application of original drawings to produce prints without the great expense of engraving, and possessing all the beauty and minutie of the original. I have, &c. ED. PALMER. 103, Newgate Street, Jan. 5, 1841.

The announcements of the New Year are but few; and we are not sure that some of these have not and we are not sure that some of these have not been anticipated by us. Mr. Murray has added to the list published a month since, 'Biblical Re-searches in Palestine, Mount Sinai, and Arabia Petræa,' by the Rev. Dr. Robinson and the Rev. Eli Smith—'A History of India: the Hindoo and the Mahomedan Periods,' by the Hon. Mountstuart Elphinstone\_ 'A Companion to the principal Galleries of Art in and near London, by Mrs. Jameson \_ 'Kugler's Popular History of Painting,' edited by C. Eastlake, R.A.\_ 'The Martyrs of Science; or, the Lives of Galileo, Tycho Brahe, and Kepler,' by Sir David Brewster...' Manners and Customs of the Japanese in the Nineteenth Century, by Mrs. Wm. Busk—' Modern Botany for Ladies,' and ' Practical Busk.—' Modern Botany for Ladies,' and 'Practical Instructions in Gardening for Ladies,' by Mrs. Loudon. Messrs. Longman announce 'Music and Manners in France and Germany,' by H. F. Chorley.—' Corse de Leon; or, the Brigand,' by G. P. R. James.—' A History of the Engines of War,' by H. Wilkinson.—' The Mountains and Lakes of Switzer. land, by Mrs. Bray;—and Mr. Van Voorst will forthwith publish 'A Manual of British Alge (Sea Weed),' by the Hon. W. H. Hervey—and 'A Journal of a Winter at the Azores, and a Summer at the Baths of Furnas,' by Messrs, Bullar.

In another part of the Athenaum, we have referred to the attempts now making by government to popularize Music. Collaterally with these, it is very pleasant to notice the opening of a branch school for Design in Spitalfields—an offset of the establishment at the Royal Academy, and to be managed on the same principles—that is, with the best instruction,

smallest amount of payment. The Academy of Moral and Political Sciences has elected M. Thiers to succeed the late M. Pastoret in its Historical Section: and the Academy of Sciences has chosen M. Duhamel to fill the chair vacant in its Section of Natural Philosophy, by the death of the late M. Poisson. The place of M. de Bonald in the Academy is likely to be supplied by M. Bal-lanche,—M. de Tocqueville, who had presented him self as a candidate, having resigned in his favour. At the recent sitting of that body, Count Molé was introduced to the chair of the late M. de Quélen, to which, as we announced at the time, he had been previously elected—when he pronounced the elo-gium of that prelate, and was himself addressed, on his reception, by M. Dupin. The sitting attracted more than ordinary interest. M. de Chateaubriand, who, as our readers may remember, some time ago, announced himself as dead to the world, issued from his living grave, on the occasion, and was amongst the supporters of the illustrious subject of the day's

Mdlle. Rachel has very recently made a step in advance towards the romanticism of modern French advance towards the romanticism or modern French tragedy, by attempting the Marie Stuart of Lebrun— a character in which La Duchesnois was so impres-sive and touching. The feuilletonists describe her first appearance as a little disappointing; but con-sole themselves by recalling the manner in which this

admirable young tragedian has always worked up her parts, and perfected many of their details on repeating them. There is still, we think, a doubt whether Mdlle. Rachel has physical power to carry her through the wearing and tearing scenes of modern serious drama, as compared with the declaimed pas-

other deaths, besides that of Dr. Lord, are announced by foreign correspondents:—we must first mention that of Mr. Frank Hall Standish, the author of two or three agreeable books of travel—the last of which was 'Seville and its Vicinity.' The news of his decease, which took place off Cadiz on the 31st of December, arrived just as we were about to announce his being engaged on a new work, the 'Life of Cardinal Ximenes celebrated astronomer, the Abbé Feliciano Scarpellini, Director of the Pontifical Observatory, Profe of Astronomy in the University, Perpetual Secretary of the Academy des Luicei, and author of many works on Astronomy, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy, died recently at Rome at the age of eighty-one. His collection of astronomical instruments, and his cabinet of natural history-remarkable, amongst other things, for the circumstance that nearly every article contained in both, is the work or preparation of his own hands—have been purchased by the Papal government, for the purpose of being added to the collections of the Roman University.

DIORAMA, REGENT'S PARK,

NEW EXHIBITION, representing THE SHRINE OF THE
NATIVITY at Betheben, painted by M. Rénoux, from a
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Queen, Victoria in Westminster Abbey, by M. Bouton. Open

Coler's Anemometer at work at the ROYAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTION, where the most ingenious Noveltles in Practical Science, and the most interesting Works of Art, are exhibited in the EVENINGS as well as the MORNINGS. The new PHILLOS OF THE ACTION AS THE PROPERTY OF THE P

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## SCIENTIFIC AND LITERARY

ASIATIC SOCIETY.

Jan. 2.—Professor Wilson in the chair.
The Professor read a paper by Dr. Stevenson, of Bombay, 'on the Mahratta Language, on its connexion with the other spoken Dialects of India, and on its derivation from Sanskrit, Persian, and other The writer is the author of the grammars of the Mahratta and Guzerattee tongues; and, from his acquaintance with other Indian languages, may be deemed an authority on matters of this nature. He begins with a congratulatory remark, that the resolution of the government of India to discard a learned language, known only to few, and to transact business everywhere in the dialect of the common people, has raised those dialects from the rank of jargons to that of cultivated tongues; and that grammars and dictionaries, as well as native works of merit are now appearing in languages which were recently most incorrectly thought incapable of expressing anything beyond the most ordinary ideas. It was thought at one time that all the spoken dialects of India were merely corruptions of the Sanskrit; and although many words were found in those dialects which could not be referred to that source, it was supposed that these words had merely crept in by reason of the barbarism and carelessness of speakers, who introduced them from ignorance of the correct terms. This opinion, however, lost ground as our acquaintance with the native languages increased: and it is now pretty generally admitted, that those of the south of the Peninsula, at least, are of an origin quite distinct from Sanskrit, and that they have admitted words of that language, not from a want of native terms, but from the influence of religion; all their orthodox writings being composed in Sanakrit. Dr. Stevenson

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conceives that the case is the same, though in a less degree, with the other languages of India; that in all of them the Sanskrit is grafted on an aboriginal language; and that, proceeding from the north, it diminishes in quantity as we go southwards, becoming scarcely anything in the vernacular Tamul: in the same way as in Europe the influence of the Latin, which is predominant in the south, decreases as we approach Britain and Germany. In order to show the construction of the Mahratta language, the show the construction of the Mahratta language, the writer analyzed 10,000 primitives, taken in succession, from Molesworth's dictionary; 5,000 of these he found to be nearly pure Sanskrit, and of the remaining 5,000 two more are corrupted Sanskrit, one Persian or Arabic, and two from an unknown source, but connected with the non-Sanskrit tongues of the south; the Telugu, Tamul, Karnataka, &c., and traceable in Guzerattí, Hindí, and other dialects; this source he considers to have been the aboriginal language of India. This view is strengthened by the fact, that the Ramooses, a hill tribe inhabiting the Mahratta country, whose habits have kept them from intermixture with others, and who may consequently be supposed nearer to the aboriginal state. speak a language so near to the Telugu as to give rise to an opinion that they have emigrated from Telinthough without any authority from history or ion. A number of instances of the connexion tradition. between the aboriginal words existing in Mahratta, and those of the languages of the south of India, followed these remarks, fully corroborating their justnotioned these remarks, fully corroborating their just-ness. The paper then proceeded with a sketch of the grammatical structure of the language, which agrees with those of the other parts of India, and with our own tongue, in being chiefly made by par-ticles, and not, as in Sanskrit, by inflexion. Mahratta is written either in the Devanagari character, or in a slightly altered modification of it, called modi or mori, which the Brahmans call the "character of the demons." heccause it is said to have been insected. because it is said to have been invented by demons," because it is said to have been invented by a Cingalese heretic. It is, however, in fact, merely a Cingatest netroic. It is, nowever, in fact, merely a modification produced by the rounding the angles of the Devanagari in the hurry of writing. The language is spoken by 8 to 10,000,000 people, reaching from Gos to Damaen, and from the western coast of India to Hyderabad.

A paper by Raja Kali Krishna Bahadur, 'On the Mode of Naming Hindús,' was next read.—From this it appears that certain astrological papers are drawn up, like chess tables, but containing one handred squares. In each square one of the lunar constellations is inserted, in a particular aspect, accompanied by a syllable of the Sanskrit alphabet; and at the moment of a birth of a child, the astrologers calculate under what sidereal influence the birth took place; and then a name is given, commencing with the letter inserted in the square, where such influence is indicated. For example, the first lunar constellation, Aswini, is divided into four quarters, and takes four squares: in the first square is written chu, in the next che, the third cho, and the fourth lu. A boy therefore may be named Chunilal, Chetanand, Chokharam, or Lalismohun, according to the quarter in which he was born. These names, however, are used only in certain ceremonies, and are not the names by which the parties are known in the ordinary business of life. There are many schemes in use in different parts of India, in which the inserted syllables and constellations are very variously arranged, but the principle is the same in all. In former ages, names were given from those of parents, or of places, or of virtues, or physical qualities; but the above described plan has been in use ever since the beginning of the iron age, which took place nearly 5,000 years ago. The writer, who gives the above as the practice of Bengal and Orisan, says he is informed that in the Telinga country the months are called by the appellatives of those deities. Lists of these are given, as well as several pages of lists of additional names applied to persons of the different castes.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND. At the last Meeting of the Society, Professor Henslow delivered a very interesting lecture on the Diseases of Corn, for a report of which we are indebted to the Gerdener's Chronicle, a new periodical devoted

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Professor Henslow's object was to explain the nature of the maladies that corn is heir to, whether from the attacks of parasitical fungi or of insects. For this purpose he selected Pepperbrand or Bunt, Smut, Rust, Mildew, and Ergot, as examples of injury produced by the first class; and the Ear-cockle and Wheat-midge as those of the second class. The nature of liberty of the conduction of the co of all these was illustrated by many admirable drawings. The Professor first adverted to the opinion that such productions as parasitical fungi are spontaneous, or accidental; and he proceeded to show that they are all too exactly organized to render such a supposition admissible, which, as he truly stated, involves much greater difficulty than any that is connected with the generally received theory, that all living creatures proceed from similarly organized all living creatures proceed from similarly organized parents, called into existence by the will of the Almighty. The Bunt fungus (*Uredo caries*), called also Smutballs and Pepperbrand, was described as a powder occupying the interior of a grain of wheat, the only corn it attacks. The microscope shows it to consist of minute balls, 4,000,000 of which may be included in a grain of wheat; and each ball is filled with minute seeds or sporules, so that 10,000,000 times the first 4,000,000 may be stored up in a single grain. Hence the excessive minuteness of some parts, and the facility with which they are dispersed. effects which alkaline substances, such as potash, lime, &c., produce in destroying the smut, when seed-corn is dressed with those substances, was supposed to be owing to their forming a soapy compound with the oil of the fungi, which is then more easily detached from the surface of the corn, to which its natural greasiness makes it adhere. The Smut, or Dust-brand (Uredo segetum), differs from the last in wanting its disgusting odour, and in escaping through wanting its disgusting odour, and in escaping through the sides of the infected grain, in the form of a sooty powder. It rarely attacks wheat, but is a common enemy of oats and barley. The usual palliative of this evil is steeping, as in the case of the last. Mr. Henslow advised, however, that many new experi-ments should be tried upon this subject, and he suggested the modes of carrying them into execution, He, in particular, recommended the practice of raising seed-corn apart from the general crop, as one of the most probable means of securing perfectly clean and healthy seed. Rust (Uredo rubigo) was described as an orange powder exuding from the inner chaffscales, and forming yellow or brown spots and blotches on various parts of corn-plants. In itself it is a pest of comparatively small importance; but he (Professor Henslow) has made the very curious discovery that it is the young of the Mildew, the Puccinia graminum of botanists, which is so de-structive when it attacks the straw. He stated that these fungi are at first spherical, or nearly so, and then constitute the Uredo, or rust; but by degrees the spheres lengthen, acquire a stalk, contract in the middle, and so form the head of the Puccinia. So that two supposed genera of botanists are undoubt-edly the same species, in different states of developement. Ergot was regarded as a monstrous state of the grain of rye, produced by the external action of a minute fungus, which causes the grain to lengthen into a horn something like a cockspur. It is so ex-ceedingly oily, that it will burn like an almond in the flame of a candle. The action of ergotized corn has been ascertained to be highly deleterious, both to man and animals; the latter, indeed, preferred to man and animals; the latter, indeed, preferred starvation to feeding upon it, even when mixed with good flour. A duck, which had been fed with ergot mixed with flour, in the proportion (say) of 1 in 17, died in ten days, after having had the end of its tongue rotted off, and drops of blackish blood ozing from its nostrils. A pig was poisoned in like manner in twenty-three days; the ears and the flesh of the tail having rotted away and the loss having mostif. tail having rotted away, and the legs having morti-fied. Fortunately we know little of this pest in England; for it is equally fatal in its horrible effects upon man, as has been amply proved in France. A case, however, was mentioned as being recorded in the parish register of Wattisham, a place in Suffolk, which occurred in 1762, when, as it was thought, in consequence of witchcraft, a poor family were lamentably poisoned, their legs and feet rotting off. A girl of sixteen lost both her legs, and died; of the mother, both the feet came off at the ancles, and the

flesh decayed from the leg-bones; a girl of fourteen lost one foot at the ancle, and the other leg at the knee; a child of ten years old lost a foot; of two boys, one lost his feet, and the other his legs. This dreadful calamity was referred by the Professor, with great probability, to the action of ergot, which he finds attacks the Revet-wheat of the neighbourhood of Wattisham, a kind of grain on which this ill-fated family was fed. Draining was mentioned as the only known preventive of ergot. Ear-cockles are produced by an animalcule called the \*Vibrio Tritici\*, which may be compared to the eels in paste on a small scale. They form a cottony mass in the interior of the grain, which, when the latter is ground, will not pass through the cloth, but remain behind in the bran. Although this creature is microscopically small when young, it is a giant at its full growth, becoming a quarter of an inch long. Nevertheless, Mr. Bauer had calculated that 50,000 of the young might be contained in one grain of wheat. Scalding water was mentioned as the most obvious remedy for these creatures. Finally, an insect called the Wheat-midge (\*Cecidomyia Tritici\*) was described. This tiny insect, millions of millions of which infest every wheat-field, is hardly known by farmers to do them any wrong; and yet on an average, it destroys 1-20th of a crop, and may possibly destroy a great deal more. It appears in June, up to which time its chrysalis lies amongst the chaff of the corn. It is, therefore, reasonable to suppose that if all the chaff left by the thresher up to that season were regularly burnt, the race of wheat-midges might in time be annihilated. The lecture terminated by an exhibition of the \*Vibrio Tritici\*, as shown by the oxyhydrogen microscope.

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## MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

MUSIC FOR THE PEOPLE.

CHANCE took us the other evening to Drury The orchestra of the Concert d'Hiver, though disproportionately weak in its violins, is yet many degrees more accurate and sensitive than any orchestra ever heard in Drury Lane before: it is rich, too, in solo players—in short, here is a superior band in training, against the time when the theatre shall again be opened for operatic performances. That period is possibly not far distant; since either M. Musard's departure has lessened the attractiveness of the entertainment, or else the public is with us, as in Paris, beginning to feel the monotony of a performance wholly instrumental, or the heterogeneousness of a programme, where the over-ture to 'Anacreon' and the 'Bouquet des Dames,' Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and the 'Postillon à Mam'ablou,' shoulder each other. The Pastoral Symphony was creditably played, as a whole; though there was evident in its two first movements that disposition to press and hasten onward, which must arise among those presenting so long a work-to an audience hardly up to its mark. Another novelty was Donnizetti's wretched overture to Les Martyrs'\_a patchwork of the oldest possible ideas, with a choral strain for voices introduced in the midst; in short, with all the pretension of the French school, and all the feebleness of the Italian. The themes from Balfe's 'Siege of Rochelle' sounded absolutely captivating, in contrast to the threadbare motivi of Donnizetti. The morsel of unseen chorus in both pieces was too nicely executed to be passed over.

In La Gazette Musicale of the 3rd instant there is an article upon the Concerts in Paris, the experience of which coincides largely with our anticipations of the nature and influence of these Shilling Concerts; some confessions, too, are given as to the state of Music in Paris, from which it may not be unseasonable to translate a paragraph or two.

Music in Paris, from which a may no be able to translate a paragraph or two.

"That the popular concerts, and those of a choicer sort, are in a state of decadence, there is no denying; and the national taste for music might be despaired of, if M. Wilhem and his adherents had not sown

good seed among a far different class...that is, among the people of the city which calls itself arrogantly the Capital of the Arts. Amateurship, based upon false enthusiasm, has always opposed the progress of Art. It is to this spurious sentiment that composers, who would otherwise have been Art. It is to this spurious sentiment that composition who would otherwise have been more than respectable, have for the last two or three years addressed their innumerable fantasias, airs with variations, and Italian cavatinas—one not to be distinguished from the other so identical are they in form. \* \* Avail-Italian cavatinas—one not to be distinguished from the other, so identical are they in form, \* \* Availing themselves of this disposition on the part of the Parisian public to patronize without understanding, clever, but not first-rate artists, by knocking at the door of dillettante Vanity, could always get off their concert tickets at ten, twelve, or fifteen francs. But the changed since last year; they have this concert tickets at ten, twelve, or little limits in a changed since last year; they have this season reduced their prices of admission one-half, and year on one goes near their concerts. Our true musical taste, in short, resides only—an embryo—in the elementary education of the Parisian public, and in the instinctive wend tendencies of some of the in the instinctive vocal tendencies of some of the southern departments. In such a state of affairs, the aganini and Malibran, and the absence of deaths of P Thalberg, have taken away half of the amateurship of our fashionable and rich patrons of the art."

If these remarks were not sound in principle, the facts are valuable as evidence. We cannot take leave of "Music for the People," without adverting to a line which appeared in a provincial paper since our hast week's notice, and which describes, most satisfacweek's notice, and which describes, most satisfactorily, the progress of the music class at the Mechanics' Institute of Liverpool, now amounting to one hundred. Returning to London, we may add, that the managers of a large public undertaking, employ-ing several hundred workmen, have, within the last ten days, expressed a strong desire to introduce music among their men, and taken measures for the purpose. This is as it ought to be. Why should not something of the kind be also attempted in the regiments, where the habits of discipline must, of essity, facilitate the task of instruction? soldiers are diligent frequenters of the National Gallery; and it would cost but little time and trouble, were the matter rightly undertaken, to make the knowledge of one art grow up by the side of taste for the other.

## MISCELLANEA

Mortality from Small-Pox .- From July 1837 to Dec. 1839, Mr. Farr has shown that the deaths from small-pox in the metropolis (Lancet, Nov. 1840,) amounted to 5186; the quarterly deaths rose from 257 to 1145; the increase was 445 per cent., or more than fourfold. The increase was in a geometrical progression, and the quarterly rate of increase was therefore the cube root of 4.45=1.65, or 65 per cent. The epidemic is now on the increase; 35, 54, 60, 58 have latterly died weekly. This is melancholy when we reflect that the disease might be arressed to week by vaccination. Five children at the very least week by vaccination. Vary are destroyed daily by small-pox in London. the statement a little, says Mr. Farr, and what would be the effect of the announcement in the public Five children will be thrown from London ge daily during the next week-the next twelve and the number will be raised to 6, 7, and and the father with or areased to y, and a daily in the next season; the very supposition is revolting. But the mode of death is mild compared with that from small-pox; lingering pain, nay torture, under hideous deformity,—the survivors escaping as from the fire, with faces cicatrized, deformed irrepara-

from the fire, with faces cicatrized, deformed irrepara-bly, and perhaps blinded for life.

Detection of Arsenic in the Blood (?)—Dr. Van der Broeck, according to Raspail, has detected arsenic in arterial and venous blood by means of Marsh's appa-ratus. This fact, if confirmed, will operate against the evidence of Orfila given in the instance of the trial of Mad. Laffarge. Dr. Shafhaeutl, in this journal, in the report of the westing of the Association at River. the report of the meeting of the Association at Bir-mingham, showed that all kinds of iron contained nic. Hence the peroxide of iron which M. Laffarge had been taking medicinally, would undoubtedly convey arsenic to the system.

Infammable dir from Alcohol.—Pelouze and Mil-

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Inflammable Air from Alcohol.—Pelouze and Millon, by passing alcohol over anhydrous barytes, elevated to a dull red temperature, found that carbonate of barytes was formed, and carburetted hydrogen given off. This is the first instance in which this gas has been formed artificially; when formic acid

is heated with an oxide it is decomposed into car-bonic acid, which unites with the oxide, and into pure hydrogen. In this case, the half of the hydrogen comes from the water which has been decomposed by the carbon of the formic acid under the influence of potash. This action it occurred to the chemists mentioned, might also extend to alcohol. They mentioned, might also extend to alcohol. They passed carburetted hydrogen procured from alcohol over hydrate of barytes, and obtained hydrogen in large quantities. Naphthaline disengaged the same product. The anhydrous oxalates, when heated with barytes, afford as is wall known as the control of the contr barytes, afford, as is well known, carbonic oxide. By tituting hydrate of barytes, hydrogen is procured carbonic oxide, also, under the same circumstances affords pure hydrogen; even charcoal itself does the same. Pelouze and Millon have drawn the following conclusions: anhydrous barytes takes up from organic substances all the carbonic acid which their elementary composition permits them to furnish; hy-drate of barytes extends the decomposition further, and tends to burn all the carbon, while the hydrogen which proceeds from the decomposition of the water is disengaged in a free state.

Improved Microscope .- M. Donne, who has deli-Improved Microscopie.—M. Donne, who has deli-vered lectures on microscopical anatomy, has made a small addition to the instrument which is very useful in a class room. "My microscopes,"he says, "carry their light with them: a small lamp is placed in a kind of dark lantern, which is adapted to the microscope so as to throw light upon the reflecting mirror: all the other parts of the instrument are fixed; for example, the object is retained upon the platinum by a small compressor, so that when the focus is ascertained, the microscope may be passed from one person to another without any other preparation being required than to direct the eye to the object." This arrangement will be exceedingly advantageous for clinical inquiries.

Temperature at Barcelona.—The mean annual temperature is 62.65: the coldest year, for 55 years, was 1816, the warmest 1822.

Electro-Vital Currents in Animals .- Zantedeschi and Favio state that in warm-blooded animals there exists an electro-vital or electro-nervous current in the cutaneous tissue, which passes continually from the extremities to the cerebro-spinal axis, and may be detected by means of the galvanometer. In the same animals there is an electro-vital current which passes from the cerebro-spinal axis to the internal organs placed under the skin. These currents are feebler in proportion to the weakening of the system. When death occurs, the currents are reversed. Pain weakens or suspends the electro-vital currents: voluntary movements or convulsions increase their strength.

Reserve Paste for Dyeing Shawls.—Klein recommends for this purpose, to mix chalk into a paste with albumen; a solution of gum arabic is then to be added, about equal to half the volume of albumen. The desired consistence is then to be obtained by adding water. This reserve is applied by means of a brush to the borders and ornaments to be reserved. In a few minutes it becomes dry. To procure its complete effect, it must be applied on both sides. the shawls rather to be immersed in the dyeing vat. The reserve paste is to be removed by washing the shawl afterwards in water, and pressing it between

Ichthyosaurus. -While some men were lately engaged at Westbury, Wilts, in digging clay, they came to the petrified remains of an animal which proved to be the skeleton of the Ichthyosaurus Since then there have been discovered, near the same place, amonites of the most beautiful colour, deeply impregnated with iron pyrites.—Wilts Inde-

Highland Mary's Bible.—On Thursday last, Mr. Weir, who was the temporary custodier of the Bible of Highland Mary, proceeded to Ayr, and presented the precious relic to Provost Limond, in presence of the magistrates and council. Glasgow Courier.

To Correspondence—H. A. M.—Richard Wemyss—Philographicus—P. W. received.—We cannot insert Mr. Timbe's letter. It amounts in substance only to this—he prefers his own to our idea of what such a work ought to be, and thinks better of the execution of his 'Popular Errors' than we do. Of course he does.

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